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# Ex-worker rues Edith's exit

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A former "tourist worker" of Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI) LLC that has already left the CNMI rued the resignation of former Labor secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero.

Meng Yong Jun, one of 92 workers of Gold Mantis that has already been paid, arrived on Saipan as a tourist in mid-February this year and stopped working last April 12, 2017, because Gold Mantis declined to pay his salary.

In a letter to *Saipan Tribune*, Meng said bluntly, "Governor, you are wrong," referring to why DeLeon Guerrero was unable to make their group leave the CNMI.

Meng wrote that their group did not leave the CNMI because they wished to be paid for their work. The group de-

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**LIBDAY PREPARATIONS** ERWIN ENCINARES
The committee that is overseeing preparations for the 2017 Liberation Day Festival is starting to set up its tents at the Garapan Fishing Base in preparation for the festival's opening day next Saturday, June 24.

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## New troop store in August

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A new troop store will soon rise in Puerto Rico, adjacent to where the troop store is now located.

The new Army and Air Force Exchange Service was announced at a town hall meeting last June 9, 2017, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

"We are excited we are able to bring something new to the Saipan community who has always been behind us," said Donald Basil, general manager of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service on Saipan.

The new facility will officially open on Aug. 17, 2017, at 11m.

The new store will maintain current products that customers patronize and will expand its offered products.

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## CUC: Tap water is drinkable

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Despite its salty taste, water flowing through the pipes of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is drinkable, according to CUC Water/Wastewater Division deputy executive director William Gilmore.



Gilmore

"Based on the water quality guidelines set by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have laid for us to meet, CUC water quality passed and is therefore potable, which means it's safe to drink it from the tap," he said in the recently released 2016 CUC Water Quality Report.

The report's objective is to inform everyone about the water that CUC delivers from the water source down to the water that comes out of faucets.

"Our water supply comes from wells and springs. Each

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## Man gets 6 months for harboring illegal alien

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The federal court handed down yesterday a six-month prison term on a man who admitted to harboring an illegal pregnant alien and exposed an alleged large-scale birth tourism business on Saipan.

After completing his sentence, Richard Peng will be placed on supervised release for one year.

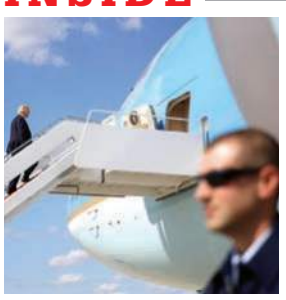
U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Peng to pay a $2,000 fine and $100 in court assessment fee, and perform 80 hours of community service.

Peng will remain free while a prison is still being chosen for him. Once his prison is designated, he may self-surrender to the U.S. Marshal Service.

For Manglona, Peng's tale about an alleged large-scale birth tourism business on Saipan was just Peng's way

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# Local

# Ex-Corrections officer, 4 others arrested in 'ice' busts

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Lawmen arrested five suspected "ice" traffickers on Saipan, including a former Corrections officer, in separate anti-drugs operations over the weekend.

The five suspects made their initial court appearance yesterday and a bail of $100,000 was imposed on each one.

Tawhid Kapileo Bhuiyan, 27, a former Department of Corrections officer, and his suspected accomplice, Joel Lee Pangelinan, 37, were arrested on two drug charges and a conspiracy charge.

Joey Cabrera Duenas, 37, was arrested for trafficking and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Ricky Michael Jones, 31, and Roland Kaipat, 36, also known as Yo Yo, were arrested for illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 22 at 9am for all defendants. Bail hearing was held before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Bhuiyan and Duenas, and private counsels will be appointed for Pangelinan, Jones, and Kaipat.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

In the case against Bhuiyan and Pangelinan, an officer of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force received information that Bhuiyan was buying "ice" while then-employed at Correctioins.

A cooperating defendant said that he/she met with Bhuiyan at a poker arcade in Kagman, where Bhuiyan offered to call him if he/she wants to buy "ice."

During a "buy-walk" operation last Feb. 2, the cooperating defendant managed to buy $60 worth of "ice" from Bhuiyan and Pangelinan during a deal inside Bhuiyan's pickup truck.

Task force investigation revealed that Pangelinan was always present in several prior narcotics busts.

DETF officers served an arrest warrant on Bhuiyan and Pangelinan in Kagman on Friday night.

In the case against Duenas, a cooperating defendant told the task force that he/she has been purchasing $30 to $100 worth of "ice" from Duenas last week and in the last couple of months.

The cooperating defendant managed to buy $100 worth of "ice" from Duenas during a "buy-walk" operation in the parking lot of a poker arcade in Kagman last Wednesday.

Duenas was arrested in Kagman on Friday afternoon.

In the case against Jones and Kaipat, the two were arrested while task force officers were serving an arrest warrant on Duenas at K&M Poker in Kagman on Friday.

While investigators were placing Duenas in handcuffs, they saw a tinted Hyundai Accent sedan park in front of the poker arcade. Because of the proximity where the investigators were executing the arrest and for officers' safety, several investigators knocked on the window of the driver's door to inform the occupants of their presence.

It was the same car that Duenas allegedly used with other persons after the "buy-walk" operation.

When the driver's window was rolled down, officers recognized Kaipat on the driver's seat. The man in the front passenger seat was later identified as Jones.

When Jones opened the glove compartment of the car to get the car registration, an officer saw baggies and straws.

An officer then allegedly found a baggie from the seat cover that contained "ice."

Kaipat and Jones were then arrested.

DETF said all the purchased and seized substances tested presumptive positive for the presence of meth.

Last Thursday, the task force also arrested Christopher John Eger and his girlfriend, Crisanta Canosa Noche, for allegedly selling "ice" in Chalan Kanoa.



KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago leads the raising of the Philippine flag behind Marianas Business Plaza, the former site of the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan, to mark the 119th celebration of the Philippines' Independence Day.




**TO COMMEMORATE 119TH INDEPENDENCE DAY**

# PH community holds flag-raising ceremony

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Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago led a coterie of government officials, consular officials, and Filipinos in the CNMI in a flag-raising ceremony last Sunday morning behind Marianas Business Plaza, the former site of the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan, to mark the 119th celebration of the Philippines' Independence Day.

As part of the celebration, the Filipino community in the CNMI held its annual festival—*Pistang Pinoy*—yesterday at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Sunday's early morning flag-raising ceremony was intended to kick off the day-long festival, with members of Emon Lodge No. 179 of the Freemasons doing flag duty.

Among those who attended the flag-raising ceremony were Saipan Mayor David Apatang, Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), and Japanese Consul Kinji Shinoda.

Propst, who keynoted the flag-raising rites, shared that his Filipina mother came from very humble beginnings and worked extremely hard to raise a family of her own while also supporting her family in the Philippines. According to him, the willpower and the spirit of the Filipino community is what makes them stand out.

The message of Philippine Consul Marciano DeBorja from the Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, was also read Sunday. He said the day celebrates the unity of the Philippines and the strength of the country.

"The strength and the unity of our country depends on every Filipino, wherever he or she may be in the world," said DeBorja.

A message from Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano was also read. According to him, the day is dedicated to renewing the hope and commitment of Filipinos all over the world and to ensure that all the sacrifices given to make the Philippines what it is today is not put to waste.

# Man gets 60 months in prison for receiving child porn

Glen Ruben Jr., of San Roque, Saipan, was sentenced yesterday to 60 months in prison and three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to receiving child porn.

This sentence follows Ruben's plea of guilty on July 20, 2016. As part of his plea, Ruben admitted to requesting and receiving one or more pictures of a minor engaged in sex, using a mobile device with internet access.

Ruben was also ordered to register as a sex offender.

Shawn N. Anderson, acting U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, said: "The receipt of child pornography is an unconscionable offense that targets the most vulnerable persons in our communities. Unfortunately, social media has become a common tool for the circulation of such images. The harm to child victims can last a lifetime. The Department of Justice, in coordination with Homeland Security Investigations, will continue to aggressively pursue those who prey on children through the use of cyber technology."

Anderson also reminds the public that those who have committed sexual offenses involving children have a duty to register and keep their registration current with the Sex Offender Registry in their jurisdiction, under federal and local law.

"Sex offenders who travel to the Northern Mariana Islands and who reside in the Northern Marianas must inform the CNMI's Public Sex Offender Registry where they reside, work, or attend school. They must also periodically update their registration information.

"The Public Sex Offender Registry was created to protect the general public and victims, by informing the public of the whereabouts of sex offenders."

The Public Sex Offender Registry for the CNMI can be found online at https://cnmi.nsopw.gov/.

This prosecution is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood Initiative, a nationwide commitment to aggressively prosecute defendants who engage in the sexual victimization of children and adults, possess, or receive child pornography, and sex offenders who fail to register with the jurisdiction's Sex Offender Registry.

The investigation was conducted by Homeland Security Investigations. The case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney James J. Benedetto.

The case was heard by Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, of the U.S. District Court in the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

## Annual Konfitma exercise takes place this week

The CNMI Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, in cooperation with the Army National Guard and other state and federal agencies, will be participating in the annual Konfitma training exercises this week.

The activity, which aims to use the training of the islands' first responders and critical response agencies, will take place from June 12 to 16, throughout a 24-hour period and encompass an islandwide area where different emergency scenarios (i.e. bioterrorism, active shooter alerts, etc.) will play out.

"This training is comprehensive, with our first responders applying what they've learned as they have progressed through their initial training and through their time in the ranks, and in some cases, they're presented with scenarios they've never come across. Everything they know will come full circle in this exercise," said acting Special Assistant for HSEM Pete Leon Guerrero.

Training venues will be scattered around Saipan, and exercises will generate some speculation and curiosity, so Leon Guerrero and trainers assisting in Konfitma's facilitation are asking the public for cooperation as training proceeds.

The trainings may cause some alarm and may cause people to start spreading rumors of what exactly is going on.

"We want to emphasize and let everyone know not to be alarmed and remain calm if you see our police officers and firefighters and other first responders out in the villages," said Leon Guerrero

Konfitma trainer Raymond Toves said, "This is a training that definitely plays out on a big scale, and it will take a lot of time to carry through. So to the people of Saipan, please do not panic, this is only a training exercise, but we thank you for your patience as we carry through with this annual activity."

For more information, contact the Emergency Operations Center at 237-8000, or log on to the HSEM's website at http://www.cnmi-hsem.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

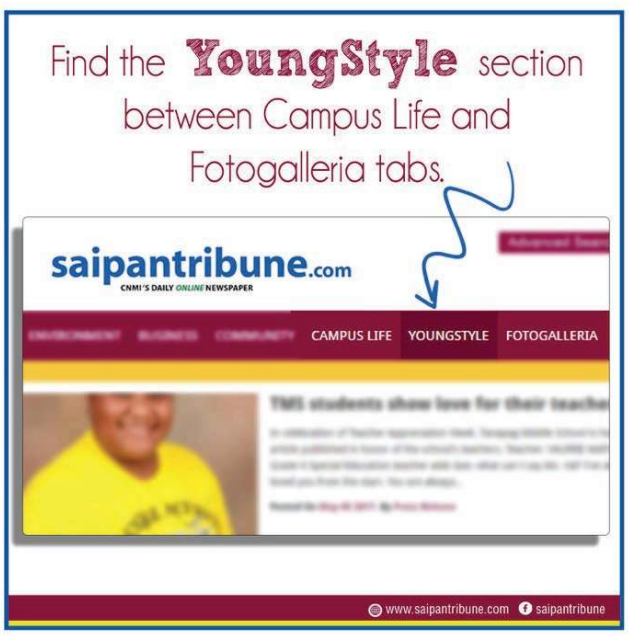
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## NEW

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"The major change is the size. The new facility is almost double of the current store. A new store is being built and the current store will turn into a warehouse. We also updated the design so that it will look modern," said Basil.

"We will be bringing in products that we don't have right now and we will be expanding on some categories."

Basil acknowledged that Saipan is "very unique."

"We sell products on island that is not available in your regular troop store. A regular troop store just sells the basics, whereas on island, in addition to the products one will find in a regular troop store, we sell items like lawnmowers, outdoor living supplies, appliances, to name a few," Basil added.

He pointed out that traditional troop stores don't carry nearly 75 percent of the items that are available at the Saipan troop store.

The new store will also expand the service they provide loyal customers.

"An exciting thing is that we will be bringing 'snack avenue' that will have hot items like hotdogs, tornadoes, and roller bites. We will utilize space by establishing two restaurants inside the store that will sell deli express sandwiches, coffee, slushies, and cold beer."

Gregorio Castro, a retired U.S. Army veteran who served in the Army for 20 years, said, "The new service means a lot. It gives is a better quality of life. It's a blessing to the retirees because we served this country and we just want to make sure that we enjoy the privileges."

Basil reiterated that their prizes will not go up. "Our prizes do not increase because we build stores. We have one pricing system and that system is followed everywhere," he said.

However, the market of the new store is still limited to members of the U.S. military and their families.

"Patronage control fall under the command. The store was established for the benefit of our soldiers. It is a privilege. Those of you who have the privilege, protect it and that is what it's all about: being truthful and doing the right thing. If you are found misusing it, it may be taken away from you."

Currently, the Alcohol, Beverage and Tobacco Division of the Department of Commerce monitors products that are bought from the troop store at a lower price and eventually sold to outside stores with a big mark up.

"I am aware of that. However it is out of our control. The responsibility of my staff and I is to make sure that everyone we are selling to has a valid I.D. card. Once we pass that, part of what happens after that is beyond our control."



"We are always evolving to meet our customers' need and we will continue doing that," said Donald Basil, general manager of the Saipan troop store, who is joined in the photo by Linda Aquino, Josephine Palacios, and Joey Pangelinan. BEA CABRERA

## MAN

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of minimizing his role in the scheme.

"You could have told your business partner 'no' but you participated. You actively assisted," Manglona told Peng.

Manglona said it was a privilege for Peng to come to Saipan but what Peng did was straight out for profit. The baby the pregnant woman was carrying wasn't even Peng's, Manglona said .

"This is truly for profit," she said.

In an interview after the hearing, defense counsel Michael Dotts said that Peng's sentence was at the low end of the sentencing guidelines.

He said his client was given credit for his cooperation, quick guilty plea, and acceptance of responsibility.

Dotts said they argued that Peng was not just minimizing his role in the large-scale birth tourism business and that he was accepting responsibility.

Peng is a U.S. citizen who previously had a series of businesses.

In the sentencing memorandum, Peng, through Dotts, revealed that his former partner in a beef noodle restaurant organized the birth tourism business on the island.

Dotts said the initial plan to house pregnant Chinese women originated from Peng's former business partner, who had been making his property on the island available to house pregnant Chinese women.

Peng, also known as Pai Peng and Tong-Long Peng, was charged in federal court with one count of harboring an illegal alien. The offense carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment.

Peng signed a plea deal with the U.S. government and pleaded guilty last Aug. 4.

Dotts said that Peng allowed a pregnant Chinese woman to continue to stay at his residence after the woman's conditional parole expired, so she won't be detected by immigration authorities.

Dotts said that Peng received RMB 50,000 from the Chinese woman.

The Chinese woman's immigration status expired in November 2014 and she stayed at Peng's house until February 2015.

Dotts said his client had no criminal record before this case.

The lawyer said Peng has accepted responsibility for his offense, and helped identify his former business partner for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant U.S. attorney James J. Benedetto agreed with the defendant that a term of imprisonment of six months is "sufficient" but "not greater than necessary" to comply with the purposes of sentencing.

In the prosecution's sentencing memorandum, Benedetto said the U.S. government believes that a six-month sentence would avoid any unwarranted sentencing disparity with others convicted of the same crime.

Benedetto as the defense memorandum and the pre-sentence investigation report point out, Peng has no criminal record, but has a "history of entrepreneurship."

However, Benedetto said, the U.S. government agrees with the pre-sentence investigation prepared by the U.S. Probation Office that defendant is minimizing his role in the birth tourism operation he assisted.

The prosecutor said as the PSR points out, many of the facts being disputed were derived from the statements of the defendant himself.

"Given the apparent conflict between what defendant said to law enforcement officers previously and what he asserts now, the court should credit the former statements," he said.

Benedetto said the former statements are more trustworthy, from an evidentiary standpoint, as they were closer in time to the events at issue, and against Peng's interests.

Benedetto said the U.S. government believes the court should impose a sentence that prioritizes promoting respect for the law, just punishment, and personal deterrence.

Accordingly, he said, notwithstanding Peng's attempts to minimize his role in birth tourism activities, the government agrees with the defense memo and the PSR that a sentence at the low end of the guideline range will promote those goals.

## CUC

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of those has different water quality requirements that we review, to meet the expectation that the supply we are treating is appropriately clean and the level of contaminants are kept to the minimum levels as required by EPA," said Gilmore.

CUC currently uses chlorination to treat its water. Chlorination is the process of adding chlorine to water. This system is maximized to kill certain bacteria and microorganisms that are not good for consumption.

"There are contaminants in the water source that are not harmful, like chlorine. We use chlorine to treat the water and make sure that pathogens (bacteria, virus and other microorganism) are eliminated. After treatment, we also rely on residue that remains in the water because it helps keep the pathogens and contaminants out. A low dose of residual elements is not harmful," he said.

"The treatment we currently provide to our water is the kind that will make people welcome the idea they can drink water from the tap. But most of the time, the issue is preference. People find that tap water can be unpleasant because of the high chloride, that it tastes a little salty. As a result, most people do not rely on it as their source for drinking water.

"Our vision is to try to improve that," added Gilmore.

The 2016 CUC Water Quality Report is an annual obligation set by the EPA that goes back to 1996. The timeline of the water samples that were gathered were from Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2016, and the results were released last April.

"It is valuable information. The public has the right to know the type of quality and work and supply that we are providing to them. The purpose of the water quality report is to actually look at all the sources of water we use," said Gilmore.

Currently, CUC constantly tests water quality and makes sure it meets requirements. Scientists and laboratory technicians are the persons who prepare and evaluate the tests.

"The difficulties we experienced from Soudelor helped us improve and it makes us in a better position to handle situations like that. We aim to add on the improvements to the quality of life. We are thinking very long term for Saipan, Rota, and Tinian because when utilities make decisions about things, the effect should be for a long time. CUC is trying to be smart and we make sure that the team that discusses these matters is in the same vein. We are always thinking long term," said Gilmore.

## EX-WORKER

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manded that Gold Mantis first deposit their pay into their Chinese bank accounts before leaving the CNMI.

Meng also added their group is feeling remorse after learning that DeLeon Guerrero lost her job because of their actions.

"We want to take this opportunity to express our apologies to her. We don't want her to lose her job because of our mistakes," Meng wrote in his letter.

### 'Gold Mantis cannot be trusted'

In his letter, Meng told the 35 workers left behind on Saipan to "make sure [you] get your money before you return to China."

The group last held a protest on June 1, 2017. The protest was composed of 35 workers involved with four companies: Gold Mantis, MCC International, CMC Macau, and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd. The workers have all expressed dissatisfaction after the companies failed to pay them any form of compensation, including a salary that complies with CNMI law and compensation for work-related injuries.

"Within our group are several injured workers," Meng said in his letter. Meng himself allegedly sustained burns when he was still working for Golden Mantis.

"When we were at the Saipan International Airport, just before departure, one American lawyer and one Chinese lawyer promised the injured workers that Gold Mantis would send representatives to the airport to meet with us," he said, but when they arrived at the airport in China, no representatives were present.

According to the letter, the injured workers have yet to receive compensation for injuries sustained while working under Gold Mantis.

"We hope the [other] workers are able to get their wages and are able to go back home to China to reunite with their families," he said.

# Liberation Day preps heat up

The Saipan Mayor's Office has started preparation for the upcoming 2017 Liberation Day festivities.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said his office as already putting up tents at the Garapan Fishing Base that will be used for the upcoming festival.

Apatang's crew began their preparations last Friday, June 9. He said they will be setting up over 30 booths and tents for the festival.

The setup of the festival will replicate the previous setup of the event that was designed by Skywalker Communications Group.

Although Skywalker Communications is no longer hosting the Liberation Day Festival, Apatang said the company's staff that are still on the island are more than willing to help with the preparation by offering the resources they have like their tents.

The office has not encountered any setbacks so far in the setup of the festival.

The Liberation Day Festival will commence on June 24. It will be held at the Garapan Fishing Base and will start at 6pm.

Float applications are still being accepted by the Saipan Mayor's Office throughout the week. The deadline for the submission of the Liberation parade float applications will be June 19. For those interested in signing up for the parade float competition, an entry fee of $100 will be required. Non-competitive floats don't require an entry fee.

Vendor application submissions are no longer being accepted. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

# Senate bill seeks to counter conflicts of interests

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A bill proposed by Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) seeks to counter future conflicts of interest such as the most recent instance in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s procurement of a diesel engine.

Igisomar, who chairs the Senate Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee, released his committee's report on CUC's procurement of an 8- to 10-megawatt diesel engine only last Friday.

Possible conflicts of interest between the CUC board and vendor General Pacific Services Marianas Inc. prompted oversight hearings by both the Senate and House PUTC.

The committee recommended that legislation be introduced to mandate public officials and vendors to declare a conflict of interest through the requirement of submitting a conflict of interest questionnaire form.

Also known as Senate Bill 20-44, the bill seeks to target both public officials and businesses to complete a conflict of interest questionnaire to determine any possible relationships between both parties.

The bill defines relationships as either a business relationship or a family relationship. The former refers to a connection between two or more parties based on a commercial activity of one of the parties while latter refers to relatives, whether by blood or adoption, and includes parents, children, siblings, nieces or nephews, brothers- or sisters-in-law, sons- or daughters-in-law, stepparents, stepchildren, and even half siblings.

The questionnaire also includes the possibility of governmental entities receiving a type of benefit offered such as food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment accepted as a guest. SB 20-44 did clarify, however, that it does not include benefits offered independent from the official status of the recipient.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres asked the former CUC board to submit their resignations last May 12, 2017. Torres has nominated Weston Thomas Deleon Guerrero and Matthew Holley to fill the CUC board slots. The Senate has yet to approve their appointments. As of publication, Torres has yet to announce the remaining members of the board.

# Adjustments sought to help child testify vs ex-cop

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The Office of the Attorney General asked the Superior Court yesterday to allow some adjustments that would help a 14-year-old girl testify in the upcoming jury trial of a former police officer who is charged with sexually abusing the child.

If the girl is unable to testify at the trial of Melvin Maratita Manglona, the court could allow accommodations that will help the girl testify in an alternative manner, said assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio.

Alternatives could include allowing the girl to testify in another room through closed-circuit technology; through a double-sided mirror; in a closed courtroom; or through any other means that would protect her from further emotional harm and distress.

The trial of the 49-year-old Manglona will start on June 26, 2017, on Rota.

Tenorio said the victim is prepared to testify but the government is unsure how she will react to seeing Manglona in the courtroom.

The government is also unsure how the victim will react to divulging personal and traumatic information to the jury—essentially a panel of six strangers, Tenorio said.

The prosecutor said she met with the girl last Thursday and that the child appeared afraid and hesitant to talk.

Tenorio said the girl discussed thoughts of suicide and extreme embarrassment associated with testifying about the most intimate details of these events in the presence of Manglona and with a courtroom full of people who know her and her family.

Tenorio said after informing the victim that she could not meet with her (Tenorio) alone to discuss the facts of this case, she tearfully requested if alternative arrangements can be made for her testimony.

The OAG charged the defendant with two counts of sex abuse of a minor in the first degree and one count of disturbing the peace.

The OAG alleged that Manglona sexually abused the girl in July and on Aug. 11, 2016, on Rota. The girl told police that the defendant has been sexually abusing her since she was 9 years old.

Manglona pleaded not guilty. Attorney Brien Sers Nicholas is his counsel.

# Two UOG students attend NASA space grant student symposium

University of Guam students John Tristan Palanca and Allen Jake Aromin presented their research at the Hawaii NASA Space Grant Fellowship and Traineeship Symposium held at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in April.

Senior Computer Science major Palanca and Senior Secondary Education major Aromin are NASA Space Grant fellows at the University of Guam. During the spring semester, the students chose the Mars Ice Challenge as their research project and designed and built hardware that can extract water from simulated Martian subsurface ice.

"This fellowship has been a tremendous opportunity and really opened up doors," said Palanca. "We are so grateful to the Hawaii Space Grant, the University of Guam, and RCUOG."

The Hawaii Space Grant Consortium consists of the several universities and community colleges in Hawaii and the University of Guam. ***(PR)***



# OAG, DPS eye use of Guam crime lab for forensics

The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Public Safety's Sgt. Simon Manacop visited the Guam Police Department crime laboratories to explore the use of the Guam GPD crime lab to test and analyze evidence for the CNMI Police Department and the Office of the Attorney General.

On June 8, Chief Prosecutor Michele Harris and Manacop met with Guam Chief of Police Joseph Cruz and Guam Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio to discuss areas in which the CNMI may utilize Guam's GPD crime lab, and to further explore other labs in or around the region that Guam uses which may be beneficial for the CNMI.

"Forensic evidence is so important in the prosecution of cases and we need to expand the CNMI's ability to find a suitable laboratory to analyze our evidence. Exploring resources in and around our region due to time and sensitivity of the evidence is crucial for the execution and conviction of those we criminally charge," the attorney general stated.

Harris reported that Guam "has the capability of testing a significant amount of evidence in-house."

Both Harris and Manacop were given a tour of Guam's crime lab, which is housed on the campus of Guam Community College.

"The lab has the capability of testing drugs, preliminary DNA, fingerprints, and firearms analysis," said Harris.

Additionally, Guam has established a memorandum of understanding with the FBI for more advanced testing.

The CNMI hopes to establish an MOU with Guam GPD in the near future. ***(PR)***




**WINNING RECIPE**

The Island Smoke SPAM concoction by Gary Sword won second place in the 3rd SPAM Cookoff held last June 10, 2017, at Joeten Susupe. "I smoked and barbecued a whole can of SPAM and mixed it with smoked marlin, coconut milk and cilantro," said Sword.

BEA CABRERA

# GMS to expand in Chalan Kiya, Gualo Rai

Green Meadow School will open its doors to first grade students at its Gualo Rai branch and seventh to eighth grader in Chalan Kiya this coming school year, 2017-2018.

In line with this expansion, a new classroom is being erected in the school premises for incoming students in Gualo Rai.

The middle school department is now in full swing as more seventh and eighth graders are expected to enroll this year.

School principal Milagros Songcuan already gave the go-signal to the request of many parents to open the middle school to accommodate their children.

Enrollment for 1st to 8th graders, infants, toddlers, Kinder-3 to Kinder-5 is ongoing. For inquiries call 235-2185, 234-0898, or 233-6452. ***(PR)***




## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### SSHS registration

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Come to our main office and pick up registration forms. All requirements must be turned in. Call 664-4000/2 for any other information. ***(PR)***

### Advance Placement certification training

Annually, the Public School System provides Advance Placement certification training to interested teachers in the form of the AP Summer Institute. This year is the 16th year of the Saipan APSI. This year 40 teachers from across the Public School System and even some private schools participated in the annual event. Subjects offered at this years APSI were AP Literature and Composition, AP Calculus, AP Vertical Teams in History and the Social Sciences, and AP Computer Science Principals. AP Computer Science Principals is a new subject offered by the AP program and to the CNMI. It was a highly engaging course that we hope to continue to offer training in at future APSI's. ***(PR)***

### Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

**ASAN, Guam**—This is an update regarding military training at Warning Area 517. The military will not conduct training at W-517 today, June 13. However, training will be conducted June 15-16 from 9am to 3pm.

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 14, from 1:30pm to 9:30pm
- June 15, from 2pm to 9p.
- June 16, from 9:30am to 11pm
- June 17, from 10am to 11pm

The public—fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. ***(PR)***

### KHS registration

All parents and guardians of Kagman High School students are being informed that KHS is open for enrollment and accepting registrations all summer. It is ideal to get your registration submitted ASAP to get your child scheduled in the optimum classes they need to graduate! So far we have received less than 150 registrations from returning students. We have also received very few registration forms from incoming freshmen! Please don't delay, register your child for school today. Registration can be printed from https://goo.gl/x2KvcL. ***(PR)***

### VA benefits counselor to visit Saipan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration will be visiting Saipan. A VA benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA outreach clinic on June 28, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm, to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA outreach clinic is located at the MH II Building, Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. ***(PR)***

### 29th Annual Environment Conference set for June 13

The 29th Annual Pacific Islands Environment Conference on Saipan will focus on sustainable living and how to battle different climate challenges. This will be a three-day conference. Registration for all three days will cost $50 online. Onsite registration will cost $75. Northern Marianas College students may register for free. For additional information, visit the Division of Environmental Quality's website at deq.gov.mp or call BECQ at 664-8500. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

### Comments sought on marine monument

The U.S. Department of the Interior secretary has been tasked by President Donald Trump under Executive Order 13792, issued on April 25, 2017, to conduct a review of national monuments. Public comments are being sought regarding the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. Deadline for comments is due July 10, 2017. To submit online comments, go to https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/05/11/2017-09490/review-of-certain-national-monuments-established-since-1996-notice-of-opportunity-for-public-comment. Click on the "Submit a Formal Comment" green box on the right column. ***(PR)***

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
## DPW-17-RFP-018

### GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND REHABILITATION CENTER IN MARPI

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the **Grounds Maintenance Services for Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Center in Marpi,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001 Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-210** of the regulations.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

The Scope of Work is available on or after **June 13, 2017** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Commercial Center, Saipan.

A Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works 2nd Floor Oleai Commercial Center, Conference Room on **June 30, 2017**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **July 11, 2017**.

SELECTION CRITERIA: This procurement is made in accordance with **§70-30.3-210** of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Experience of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
2. Project Approach – 35%
3. Capacity Schedule of Completion – 30%
4. Cost Proposal – 10%

Cost is a factor that will be considered and will be evaluated in comparison with overall merit of proposals. Technical merit is more important than price, and the Government reserves the right to award to other than the lowest priced proposer. As proposals become more equal in technical merit, the importance of price will increase. Please include a project budget with your response.

Discussions may be conducted with the responsible firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being awarded for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offer. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing firms.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract. The firm selected will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245 and must possess a valid CNMI Business License in order to sign a contract.

Award shall be made to the responsible firm whose proposal is determined in writing to the most Advantageous to the CNMI government taking into consideration price and evaluation factors set forth in this request for proposal. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation.

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW-17-RFP-018"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and nine (9) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 14, 2017** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **July 14, 2017**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 14, 2017** AND must be received no later than **July 25, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

**/s/ JAMES A. ADA**
Secretary of Public Works

**/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, Procurement & Supply

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# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
### Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services for the Public Assistance Office
### RFQ17-GOV-164

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth"), are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for designated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded projects.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under general provision of the Contracting Officer or his/her designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Public Assistance projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one year contract with an option to renew for an additiional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers.

Compensation for Project Managers services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for appoved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected as Project Managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project(s).

A Scope of Services package is available from the Public Assistance Office located at the Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification of Firm and/or Personnel. . . . . .40%
2. Experience in Project Management . . . . . 40%
3. Work Load. . . . . .20%

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selection process shall be guided by § 70-30.3-305 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked **"RFQ17-GOV-164, Project Management Services for the Public Assistance Office."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 22, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 22, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 22, 2017, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 3, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Public Assistance Office, located at the Juan A. Sablan building in Capital Hill, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 14, 2017.

Questions regarding this RFQ17-GOV-164 may be submitted in writing to Patrick Guerrero at patrickguerrero.pa@gmail.com or faxed to (670) 664-2408 no later than June 16, 2017.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply

# Saipan-born Mercer earns law degree with cum laude honors

Saipan-born Shannon Togawa Mercer graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center on May 21, 2017, earning her juris doctor degree with cum laude honors.

Mercer, who was raised on the islands of Saipan and Guam, served as the editor-in-chief of the *Georgetown Journal of International Law* and president of the Georgetown International Law Society.

Mercer is a regular contributor to the national security blog Lawfare and has recently published her article, "Exploring the Potential for Coalescence and Divergence in U.K.-EU Data Policy After Brexit," as a chapter in the book *Legal Aspects of Brexit: Implications of the United Kingdom's Decision to Withdraw from the European Union*, published by the Institute of International Economic Law.

While at Georgetown, Mercer held internships at the Department of Justice, the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. House of Representatives, the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development in London, and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in London.

Mercer graduated from St. John's School in Guam in 2007. She then attended Princeton University, graduating in 2011 with cum laude honors, an A.B. in Politics, and certificates in Near Eastern Studies and Arabic Language and Culture.

Her senior thesis, titled "The Blockade of Gaza: Legal and Moral Implications of Political Control Without International Recognition," was awarded the Near Eastern Studies Senior Thesis Prize.

While at Princeton, Mercer also completed language studies at the American University in Cairo, taught English in Cairo with the Better World Foundation, and worked at the Israel Democracy Institute in Jerusalem.

After graduating, Mercer spent two years in the management program at a prominent hedge fund, Bridgewater Associates. She then joined Incandescent, a New York City startup management consulting group.

Her parents, Traylor Mercer and Jo Ann Togawa Mercer, reside in Guam. ***(Saipan Tribune)***



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan-born Shannon Togawa Mercer graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center on May 21, 2017, earning her juris doctor degree with cum laude honors.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Shannon Togawa Mercer poses with her parents, Traylor Mercer and Jo Ann Togawa Mercer.

# UOG seeks submissions for *Storyboard* journal

*Storyboard: A Journal of Pacific Imagery* is now accepting submissions of previously unpublished work from the original writer or artist for Issue 17.

*Storyboard* publishes quality poetry, fiction, and non-fiction written in English or any other Pacific language (with translations into English), as well as visual art.

*Storyboard* is published by the Division of English and Applied Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Guam. The purpose of *Storyboard* is to foster and promote literary activity in the Pacific Islands.

Submissions from published and unpublished writers in or from the region, or writings about the region are welcome, with special encouragement to writers and artists from Micronesia. All submissions are due Dec. 1, 2017.

For more information and submission guidelines, visit www.uog.edu/storyboard or contact storyboard@triton.uog.edu. ***(PR)***

# PSS seeks flexibility to secure $2M fed grant

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The expansion of Early Head Start and Head Start programs of the Public School System requires a certain amount of flexibility in reprogramming funding allocated by Public Law 19-75, a flexibility that the law does not provide.

According to Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), his office received a letter from Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero dated May 19, 2017, asking that she be allowed to reprogram $188,005 and $436,983 from PL 19-75, to be used as a local match to $2 million in federal funding received by PSS for the expansion of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

PL 19-75 appropriated $1 million for the purchase of school buses and $5.5 million for instructional materials. According to Deleon Guerrero, the $188,005 will be taken from the bus appropriation, while $436,983 will come from funding for instructional materials and school repairs. Currently, PL 19-75 does not allow the commissioner to reprogram funding.

"They were requesting the Legislature to relax that provision so that they can use the money to match the requirement of the grant," said Hofschneider.

A combined $624,988 would serve as a local match of the local government, allowing PSS to secure the $2 million federal grant by the end of July 2017.

According to the letter, the $2 million would be used for facility expansions in Kagman, Dandan, and Chalan Kanoa's Early Head Start Centers as well as to fund new Head Start Centers at Tanapag and Marianas High School.

Hofschneider clarified that his committee was "poised to originate legislation from the Senate, but because it is an appropriation bill, it must come from the House of Representatives."

"I am going to reach out to House Speaker Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan) along with this letter and see if they can initiate an appropriation rather quickly because this has a timeline. It is a time-sensitive need and it is important for us to back it as quickly as possible," he said.

# BankPacific promotions, new hires

Philip J. Flores, BankPacific president and chairman of the board, recently announced new promotions and new hires at the company.

Molly M.Q. Duenas was promoted to vice president, manager Residential Lending. Duenas joined the BankPacific family in 2010 and has 11 years of financial experience.

Theresa C. Camacho was promoted to AVP, assistant manager, Residential Lending. Camacho joined the BankPacific family in 2011 and has participated in several TV segments of "House to Home" to educate the community on obtaining home loans. Camacho has over 28 years of banking experience in residential lending and underwriting.

Theresa Guevara has recently been promoted to VP, senior marketing officer, Residential Lending. She has over 26 years of financial experience in both the private and government sectors. She joined the BankPacific family in 2009.


Duenas


Camacho


Guevara


Ibanez

Stanley Ibanez recently rejoined the BankPacific family as a senior residential mortgage loan specialist. He brings with him 10 years in residential lending. Ibanez also has experience in construction as a safety officer. ***(PR)***

# 'Labor continues to address workers issues'

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Acting Labor Secretary Gil San Nicolas, as the former Enforcement Division director, reiterated his agency's commitment to settle the issues raised by a number of Chinese construction workers.

The workers staged a number of protests the past few months, claiming that contractors hired for the casino project in Garapan failed to pay their wages and overtime, did not treat their injuries, and made them work in unsafe conditions. The same workers entered the CNMI as tourists.

MCC International, Gold Mantis, and Beilida Overseas (CNMI) Ltd. are the concerned contractors. MCC is a state-owned contractor while Gold Mantis is reportedly under Suzhou Gold Mantis Construction Decoration that designed the Beijing National Olympic Stadium or Bird's Nest.

San Nicolas said he continued what former Labor chief Edith DeLeon Guerrero has started. "We continue to work closely with the U.S. Department of Labor in investigating and trying to address the issues."

"They have been meeting with us and getting more information about this. We had also met with the lawyers of the contractors to settle the issue. Local Labor is working closely with the investigations, and we've been communicating and coordinating with our U.S. counterparts as well as with the lawyers of the companies," he added.

The Torres administration, in a statement to local media, said that Gold Mantis and U.S. Labor had already reached an agreement that they would settle the payment of all workers they hired and send them back to China.

Making sure that all workers of the three contractors get paid and continuing collaboration between U.S. Labor and its local counterpart has also been the administration's policy, the statement added.

The administration said local Labor officials would continue to work with its U.S. counterparts in assuring all policies work within the boundaries of federal laws in solving the issues with the Chinese workers.

U.S. DoL's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has also proposed to impose $193,750 in fines and penalties on the three construction firms after finding out that they violated federal regulations.

OSHA cited MCC International Saipan Ltd. Co., the main contractor, with 10 violations that cost $81,484 in penalties while Nanjing BeiLiDa New Material System Engineering Co. is given $81,483 in proposed penalties for 10 violations. Gold Mantis Construction Decoration Saipan LLC is being proposed with $30,783 in fines for four safety violations.



# Opinion

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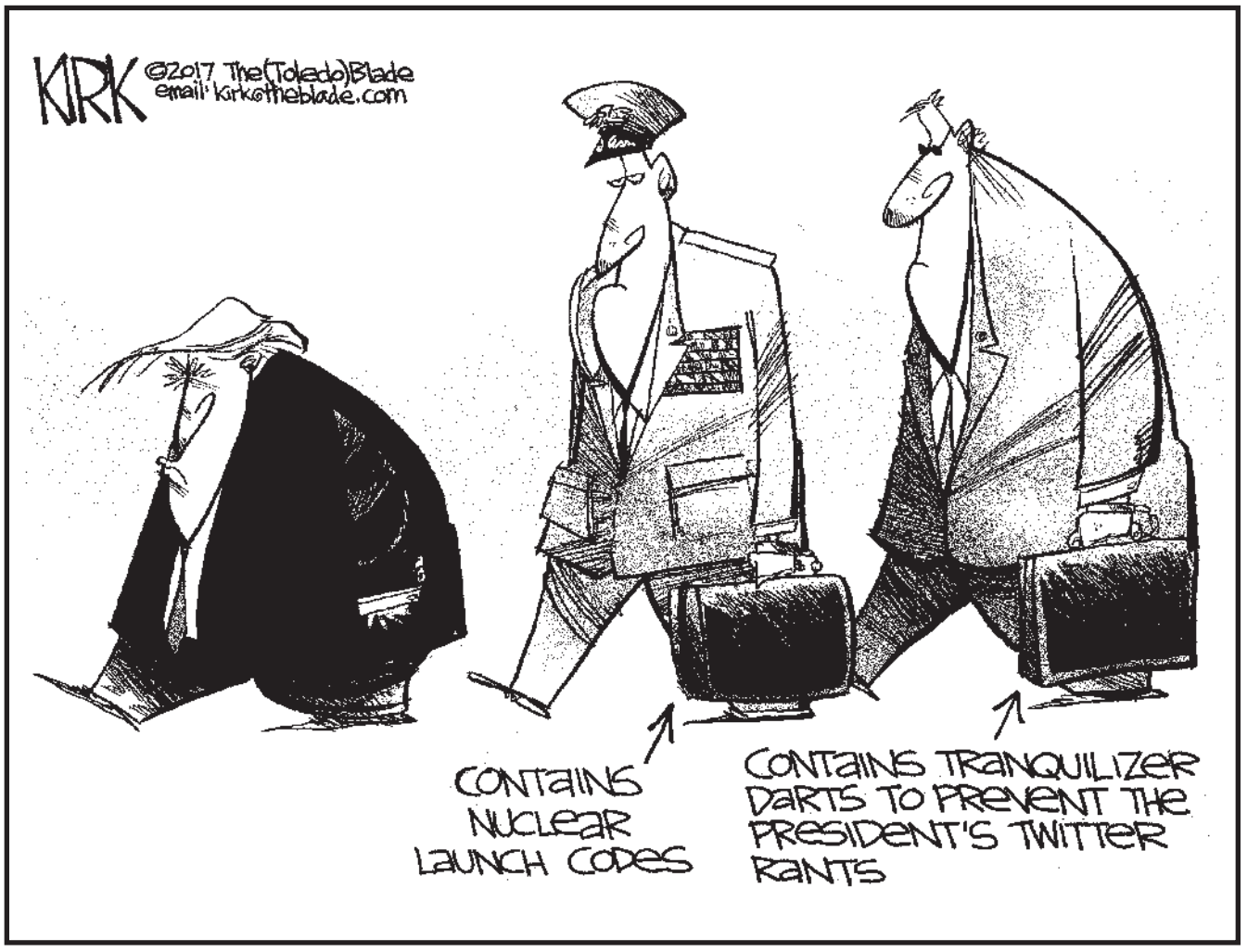
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## EDITORIAL

## In DC, everyone is for lower drug prices, but only in theory

One issue where most Americans—76 percent of them—find common ground is the high price of prescription drugs. President Donald Trump campaigned on the issue and since his inauguration repeatedly has promised to bring drug prices down. Most Democrats and many Republicans in Congress agree. So why has nothing happened?

In a word, money. Hundreds of millions of the dollars that Americans spend on drugs find their way into campaign funds and lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill. In the past decade, the pharmaceutical industry has spent more than $2.5 billion lobbying Congress. Opensecrets.org reports that in 2016, the industry spent $245 million on lobbyists; the next biggest industry sector, insurance, spent nearly $100 million less.

Despite this investment, the industry is getting nervous. Drug prices are expected to climb more than 12 percent this year. Americans already spend an average of $858 a year on prescription medication, more than twice the $400 average in the 19 other leading industrial nations.

The political pressure is such that a kind of four-corner civil war has broken out. Employers, hit hard by rising insurance costs for their employees, are in one corner. Manufacturers are in another. Insurance companies are in the third, and pharmaceutical benefits managers—the biggest of which is Express Scripts—are in the fourth. The latter three are all pointing figures at each other.

Express Scripts finds itself getting a lot of blame. Anthem, the nation's second largest insurer, announced in April that it expects to drop Express Scripts as its pharmaceuticals benefits manager after 2019. Anthem claimed that it had been overcharged billions of dollars a year, a claim that Express Scripts strenuously denied—though it did offer Anthem a $3 billion concession if it would stick around.

Express Scripts is the only large pharmaceuticals benefits manager unaffiliated with an insurer or pharmacy. It makes its money as a middleman, negotiating prices with drug companies for insurance companies. Insurers now question how much of the savings are being passed on to them, their corporate clients and eventually to consumers.

Some members of Congress are wondering the same thing. These middlemen keep their deals secret, and bills have been introduced to force greater transparency.

Congress has also made efforts to allow state and federal health care programs to negotiate bulk price deals with manufacturers and to allow Americans to import drugs from other countries. Trump has said he supports both ideas.

But when Congress actually tried to move this legislation, it went nowhere. And Trump appointed industry-friendly regulators to key positions, even as he continued to tweet his outrage at high prices.

This is one of those complicated issues that Congress could fix fairly easily: Stop working for donors and start working for consumers. We can dream.

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## Accomplishments that are often completely hollow



**By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN**
Bloomberg View

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President Trump frequently claims he'll do something—roll out a plan, make a decision—"in two weeks" and then does not follow up.

Trump's $110 billion arms deal with Saudi Arabia turned out to be almost entirely fictional—turns out that what "deals" there were preceded the Trump administration, and nothing in the new "deal" moved forward from previous tentative steps.

Trump on Monday held a mock signing ceremony for his decision to endorse privatizing air traffic control.

EPA administrator Scott Pruitt has been touting 50,000 new coal jobs that turn out to be closer to 1,000 new coal jobs.

The accomplishments of the Trump administration have a knack for turning out to be hollow—this week has been a pretty brutal reminder of that, and it's early. But how does it affect Trump's ability to govern?

On the one hand, it certainly has—and should—contribute to problems for Trump's professional reputation. News consumers who have no involvement in government might well be duped by this kind of thing, but those who have to deal with the president have no doubt already learned that his word cannot be trusted, which imposes all sorts of constraints on the White House going forward.

On the other hand, it's probably true that Trump has successfully convinced a lot of people who get their news mostly or entirely from Republican-aligned outlets that he's having one fabulous success after another, so for example a CBS survey last month found 95 percent of strong Trump supporters think he's "effective." The problem is that catering only to hard-core partisans is pretty useless for a president, because those folks are going to buy whatever he's selling regardless of what it might be.

Beyond that, this kind of presidential spin hardly seems worth the resources that the Trump administration is putting into it, which seems like an awful lot. Presidents who were supposedly very good at managing the media—Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, perhaps Barack Obama—nevertheless had approval ratings that rose and fell with events. And of course Trump himself has terrible polling numbers.

So it's hard to see any significant upside and easy to see a downside in the bluster coming from the president and his administration.

Trump would probably be following this strategy regardless of how media coverage worked. Still, for this particular president, it probably provides positive re-enforcement to have Fox News and other Republican-aligned media amplify his claims without question. But whether it was Trump or someone else in the Oval Office, Republican-aligned media accept and amplifly whatever he says, setting up terrible incentives.

Trump isn't actually doing most of the things he's claiming to do, which also means he, his administration and the Republican-majority Congress, are in many cases failing to enact policies that conservatives claim to care about. Every time Sean Hannity or Rush Limbaugh pretends along with Trump, it just increases the incentives for all Republicans to be lazier. Why formulate policy when pretending to have enacted it gets the same results? Or, to take the flip side: Why work up a coherent, sophisticated critique of Barack Obama when making things up or taking words out of context is accepted by friendly media and, consequently, by rank-and-file Republican voters?

The problem isn't that Republican voters will believe whatever Trump and other Republicans tell them; in fact, all voters tend to follow partisan and same-group opinion leaders, so some of this is perfectly normal. The problem is that it's just too easy. There's no need to fashion reasonable-sounding talking points, or (even worse) to take actions that make the talking points reasonable. And because public policy is hard, politicians without incentives to formulate viable policies tend not to do so. Which might seem to work okay in the short run, but in the long run it works out badly for everyone—including, as George W. Bush found out, the politicians who seem to be able to get away with feel-good bromides right up until things start going badly wrong.

Of course, some cheerleading from party-aligned media is inevitable. But the degree to which the Republican press does it, and the extent to which (some) Republican readers and viewers insist on discounting other information sources, sets up a terrible incentive structure for Republican politicians. And when Trump's particular pathologies get thrown into the mix—what then?

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# Blood pressure

By ELIZABETH KOHNEN, M.D.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

You may wonder why your primary care provider, or PCP, checks your blood pressure every time you go to his or her office. Blood pressure is checked at most points of medical contact because patients usually can't feel that their blood pressure is high, and because many people in the CNMI have high blood pressure. The 2016 CNMI Non-Communicable Disease and Risk Factor Hybrid Survey found that more than half of all adults in the Commonwealth have high blood pressure.

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is often referred to as the "silent killer." It's possible to have no symptoms of high blood pressure until you have a terrible problem like a heart attack or a stroke. Your PCP monitors your blood pressure to help you keep it under control *before* it causes any serious health problems. This is called preventative health care. In this article, I focus on what's called "primary hypertension." This is the type of high blood pressure that isn't caused by some other health problem like a kidney disorder or heart defect.

## How does blood pressure affect the body?

Arteries are pipes that carry blood away from the heart to the rest of the body. The pressure inside these pipes is referred to as blood pressure. Blood pressure is measured using two numbers, written as, for example, 120/80, and spoken as "one hundred and twenty over eighty." The first number, the higher one, is the pressure in the pipes when the heart is squeezing, and the second number, the lower one, is the pressure in the pipes when the heart is relaxed. High blood pressure increases strain on the pipe wall. Blood vessels under such a strain over time can thicken and clog in response, or break open and leak. Similar to how high water pressure can damage your water heater at home, important organs like the kidneys, eyes, and brain can easily be damaged by these clogged or leaky pipes and can result in kidney failure, loss of vision, dementia, and strokes.

Less commonly, if you have low blood pressure (below 90/60), there might not be enough of a push behind your blood to get it to flow adequately to your brain and body. This may make you pass out or feel weak and dizzy. If you take too much blood pressure medicine and your blood pressure goes low, you may have these feelings.

## What is considered high blood pressure?

Ideal blood pressure is below 120/80. A blood pressure from 140-159/90-99 is called stage 1 high blood pressure. When you have this degree of high blood pressure over years, it can cause severe damage to your heart and blood vessels. A reading over 160/100 is considered stage 2 high blood pressure and can cause serious problems within a shorter period of time—months, weeks, or even days.

Your PCP may take a few readings of your blood pressure. Sometimes people are nervous about having their blood pressure checked or are anxious about being in a doctor's office. Because of this effect, it's a good idea to monitor your blood pressure outside of the doctor's office as well, such as public screening events, or at the pharmacy. Through the months of May and June, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., in partnership with the Northern Marianas College Nursing Program, is conducting free blood pressure screenings every Saturday at Joeten Superstore from 10:30am to 12:30pm, and at several other local grocery stores.

## What can be done to control blood pressure?

There are some risk factors for high blood pressure that you can't control, like family history or age. However, even if you do have some risk factors that can't be changed, you can still reduce your risk of having high blood pressure by eating a balanced diet, limiting salt intake, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, and avoiding tobacco and alcohol. Making healthy changes to your everyday routine carry little or no risk and can benefit your body in many other ways.

For those who already have high blood pressure, if you are able to lose weight, become more active, and eat a balanced, low-sodium diet, you may not need to take medication, but it's important to consult with your PCP to see if this could be an option for you. Sometimes behavior changes alone may not be enough to control your condition. Making healthy changes to your lifestyle are still good for your health, and can complement the effect of medication.

Although it may be difficult to understand why you need to take a medication if you don't feel sick, your PCP knows the importance of medication and will try to find the best choice for you. If you don't like your blood pressure medicine, talk to your doctor. Approximately three out of four people don't take their blood pressure medicine as instructed by their doctor, but not taking your medication as prescribed increases your risk of getting sicker. High blood pressure is something that you can control, but when it isn't controlled, can cause serious health problems.

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# Most undisciplined presidency in history spells doom for economic measures

By BARRY RITHOLTZ
BLOOMBERG VIEW

Today's column veers dangerously into "I told you so" territory. I take neither pleasure nor credit for recognizing that a once-in-a-generation opportunity is slipping away.

In February, I warned that President Donald Trump was repeating his predecessor's rookie mistakes. In March, I noted that the odds of passing important economic legislation had fallen meaningfully. This missive offers the most dire warning of all, with significant ramifications for equity markets.

Let's begin with the observation that the long-awaited "pivot toward being presidential" hasn't arrived, and by all indications never will. Those of us who harbored hopes for a comprehensive corporate tax reform, for repatriation of trillions of overseas dollars, for an infrastructure plan and perhaps even for a lowered personal income tax rate, are coming to recognize the folly of our wishful thinking. That window of opportunity now looks like casements in South Florida during hurricane season.

The good news is that the global economy keeps expanding as corporate profits rise and the post-credit-crisis recovery continues apace. Left to its own devices, even as the Federal Reserve normalizes rates, the economy has the potential to grow for several more years before its next cyclical stumble.

The bad news is that the self-inflicted wounds of the most undisciplined presidency in history are increasingly likely to blow its chances of passing any of the aforementioned economic stimulus measures. The trifecta of tax reform, repatriation and infrastructure investment could put the U.S. on very strong footing for the next several decades. Such was the legacy of Ronald Reagan, who oversaw a similar "once in a generation" economic boost that resonated for the next 30 years.

Trump is no Reagan. The current president started with a generational opportunity, in the form of a GOP sweep of the White House and Congress. On Nov. 9, I placed the odds of passing a robust economic legislative agenda at 96 percent. The day Trump took office, cracks in my optimism appeared. By March, I had lowered the odds to a still healthy 75 percent. Now I'm thinking 25 percent, and even that might be optimistic.

Let the weight of that missed opportunity sink in for a minute.

What's astonishing is that every misstep has been an unforced error. The president has served every ball into the net, blown every opportunity and never encountered a situation that he couldn't make worse. It is incredibly frustrating to witness this sort of gross incompetency.

If only Trump was merely repeating Obama's rookie mistakes. What we have seen since then is much, much worse. Inviting an FBI investigation—via Twitter!—that has brought damning testimony from one former FBI chief and a special investigation headed by another. Alienating allies on Capitol Hill for petty reasons. His staffers never know who will be thrown under the bus next. Antagonizing the intelligence community and the entire press corps save Fox News (and even that shows signs of cracking). Demonstrating zero comprehension of the gravitas of the office.

The president is becoming radioactive. He is having problems hiring outside counsel; four top law firms have reportedly turned him down. Resignations are mounting. Diplomats are revolting. Hundreds of key positions have gone unfilled as people increasingly perceive working for Trump as a career killer.

Less than six months into Trump's White House stay, there is no evidence of any sort of discipline, planning, thoughtfulness or maturity. When you have the fate of 325 million people in your hands, not to mention much of the rest of the world, you best take that obligation seriously.

Investors concerned about the president's impact on their portfolios should be furious.

I have no crystal ball, but I can imagine a few scenarios, presented here in order of likelihood:

Drawn-out misery: The worst-case scenario from a sentiment perspective is years of investigation. A never-ending drama of testimony, depositions and public hearings means the economic agenda never gets out of the starting gate. Malaise spreads among consumer and investors. Odds: 50 percent

President Pence: Trump, who I suspect never really wanted to be president anyway, decides he has had enough. He blames the media and the Democrats and the deep government or whatever he heard on Fox News that day and resigns before the 2018 election season begins. Pence takes over and reaches across the aisle to do a repatriation and infrastructure plan. Following that easy success, he does a full-on corporate tax reform, even a tax cut. Odds: 30 percent.

Mid-term 2018 elections: The economist and PIMCO advisor Richard Clarida observed that presidents typically get about a 14-month window to implement their agenda before Congress begins to focus on mid-term elections, where the party that controls the White House typically loses seats. Perhaps the rancor settles down, the investigations amount to nothing, and a wounded president finishes out his one and only term. Odds: 20 percent.

Total vindication: The president and his long-standing personal attorney are proven correct. He is completely vindicated. Investigations find no collusion with the Russians, no obstruction of justice. Riding high on the political victory, a magnanimous Trump pivots towards becoming presidential. (The dumbest among us publish articles including the sentence "He became president today" and are immediately set upon by black crows, an ominous but confusing omen.) GOP leaders and even #NeverTrumpers embrace the newly invigorated president. The full legislative agenda passes, and a century of peace and prosperity begins. Odds: How many decimal places am I allowed to use?

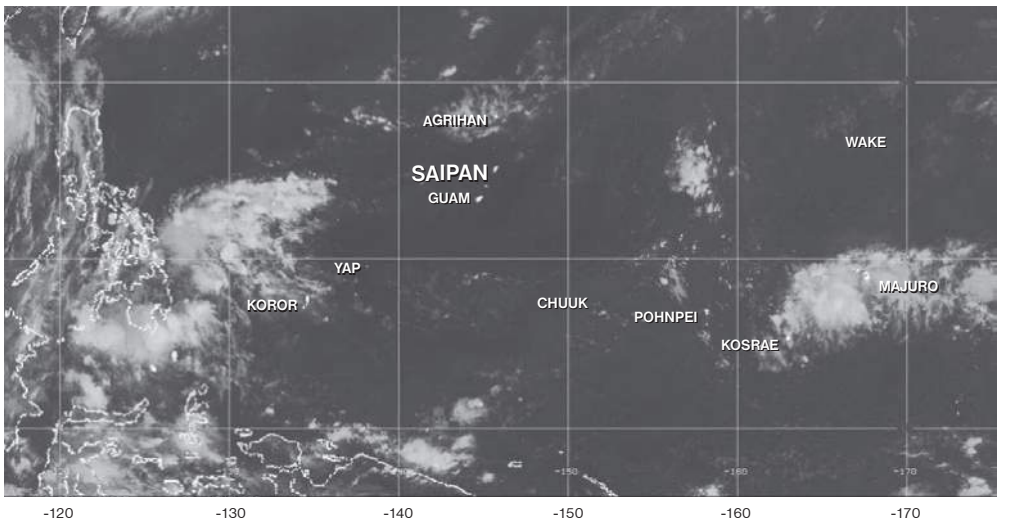
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# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME: 6:20 AM, MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Have updated the zone forecast to indicate more clouds and showers this morning before clearing this afternoon. There is a slow moving area of clouds/showers mainly over Guam and Rota with upper low/surface trough to the northwest. This low and trough was triggering showers and thunderstorms to the north and west as well. However, the moisture is quite shallow and this activity should end by afternoon with a generally dry period through midweek. Beyond that, the GFS wants to increase moisture slightly for the latter half of the week, which could bring more in the way of clouds and possibly showers. On the other hand, the ECMWF remains dry, with no increase in rain chances prior to the weekend. For now, will leave the forecast unchanged.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | 90 \| 81 °F |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | 85 \| 78 °F |
| Yap | Partly cloudy | 87 \| 73 °F |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 87 \| 80 °F |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 86 \| 80 °F |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 86 \| 80 °F |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 85 \| 82 °F |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Partly cloudy | 62 \| 53 °F |
| Beijing | Thunderstorms | 88 \| 76 °F |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorms | 86 \| 82 °F |
| Honolulu | Partly cloudy | 85 \| 73 °F |
| London | Cloudy | 72 \| 54 °F |
| Los Angeles | Mostly sunny | 72 \| 58 °F |
| Manila | Partly cloudy | 88 \| 78 °F |
| Melbourne | Partly cloudy | 58 \| 43 °F |
| Miami | Thunderstorms | 85 \| 78 °F |
| New York | Mostly sunny | 96 \| 71 °F |
| Osaka | Sunny | 79 \| 60 °F |
| Paris | Partly cloudy | 77 \| 57 °F |
| Pusan | Partly cloudy | 79 \| 59 °F |
| Rome | Mostly sunny | 79 \| 59 °F |
| Salem | Overcast | 65 \| 50 °F |
| San Francisco | Partly cloudy | 64 \| 51 °F |
| Seoul | Partly cloudy | 77 \| 58 °F |
| Tokyo | Showers | 70 \| 63 °F |
| Washington, DC | Sunny | 96 \| 74 °F |

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
|---|---|---|
| 4:26 AM | LOW TIDE | 1.19 |
| 8:55 AM | HIGH TIDE | 1.72 |
| 4:17 PM | LOW TIDE | -0.18 |
| 11:23 PM | HIGH TIDE | 1.87 |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:46 AM | 6:47 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:46 AM | 6:47 PM |
| Thursday | 5:46 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Friday | 5:46 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Saturday | 5:47 AM | 6:48 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | - | 8:34 AM | 9:40 PM |
| Wednesday | - | 9:25 AM | 10:25 PM |
| Thursday | - | 10:16 AM | 11:08 PM |
| Friday | - | 11:07 AM | 11:51 PM |
| Saturday | - | 11:59 AM | - |

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# FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 11, 2017

## DEPARTURES

### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA6394 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA6392 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota |
| UA6390 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| UA6398 | 6:05pm | 6:55pm | Daily |
| UA6396 | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA6391 | 2:35pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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|---|---|---|---|
| TW308 | 1:35am | 5:20am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| TW308 | 2:35am | 6:20am | 6, 7 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:30am | Daily |
| LJ652 | 5:20am | 9:10am | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 4:00pm | 7:45pm | Daily |
| ZE582 | 4:45pm | 8:35pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 7 |
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 4:00am | 7:05am | 4, 5 |

### SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:35am | 3, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |

### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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| 3U8648 | 5:20am | 8:00am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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| DL297 | 4:15pm | 7:00pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA6394/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA6394/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:15am | Daily via GUM |
| PR1572 | 4:40am | 6:45am | 1, 4 |
| UA6391/183 | 1:30pm | 8:50pm | 5 via Rota-GUM |
| UA6391/183 | 1:30pm | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA6391/193 | 1:30pm | 10:40pm | 5 via Rota-GUM-ROR |
| UA6390/183 | 2:20pm | 8:50pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA6390/183 | 2:20pm | 9:10pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA6390/193 | 2:20pm | 10:40pm | 2 via GUM-ROR |

### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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| HX077 | 2:15am | 5:15am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:40am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 4:40am | 8:10am | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA6391/159 | 1:30pm | 9:50pm | 1, 5 via Rota-GUM |
| UA6390/159 | 2:20pm | 9:50pm | 3, 6 via GUM |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA6393 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA6395 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6397 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA6399 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |

### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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| UA6390 | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |

### SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| ZE581 | 10:10am | 3:55pm | Daily |
| TW307 | 7:00pm | 12:35am+1 | 7 |
| TW307 | 7:05pm | 12:35am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4 |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| TW307 | 8:05pm | 1:35am+1 | 5, 6 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |
| LJ651 | 10:50pm | 4:20am+1 | Daily |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3452 | 9:00pm | 2:10am+1 | 4 |
| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |
| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 3, 6, 7 |

### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:25pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:30am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:20am | 2:50pm | Daily |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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|---|---|---|---|
| UA190/6397 | 9:55am | 5:35pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR1571 | 9:10pm | 3:40am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UA192/6395 | 9:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via ROR-GUM |
| UA184/6395 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| PR110/UA6395 | 10:55pm | 8:05am+1 | Daily via GUM |
| UA184/6395 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UO42 | 4:50pm | 12:05am+1 | 2, 6 |
| HX076 | 5:50pm | 12:45am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:05pm | 1:10am+1 | 1 |
| UO42 | 6:10pm | 1:00am+1 | 3 |
| UO42 | 6:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 4 |
| UO42 | 6:40pm | 2:00am+1 | 7 |
| UA116/6395 | 10:45pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
| 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily |
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### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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### SAIPAN TO ROTA

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| 7:45AM | 8:15AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
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| 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

# Business

## Some hope California winner of $447M Powerball helps area

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A sole winning Powerball ticket worth $447.8 million and matching all six numbers was sold in Southern California, and whoever owns it will claim the 10th largest lottery prize in U.S. history, lottery officials said Sunday.

The winning ticket was sold at Marietta Liquor & Deli in the small city of Menifee, the California Lottery said in a statement. Lottery officials said the earliest the ticket could be redeemed is 8 a.m. Monday, and the winner has one year to claim the prize.

The store just off a highway caters to retirees who live in the part of Menifee known as Sun City, which was developed as a retirement community in the 1960s. It also is a common stop for motorists passing through the area about 80 miles (130 kilometers) from Los Angeles.

Liquor store owner Matthew Alberre said he does not know which of his customers won the jackpot or what his family will do with the $1 million bonus set aside for the retailer that sells the winning ticket.

"We're so blessed for this to happen," said Alberre, who owns the store with his father.

The year began terribly for the family because Alberre's father was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.

"Starting out the year, it seemed like it was going to be the worst year in the world, and six months later, our store hit the Powerball. We're very, very grateful for this to happen to our store," Alberre said.

Sun City residents were wondering if they might know the winner.

At a breakfast at the local Knights of Columbus organization, Armand Blais said people there hoped the ticketh-older lived in their community and would assist their efforts to build a new church.

"We're hoping they're a parishioner and they'll bring us a check tomorrow," said Blais, president of the Sun City Civic Association's board.

Sun City has about 4,700 homes developed for residents age 55 and older. Today, they are part of Menifee, population 89,000, but those living in Sun City still proudly call the community by its original name, Blais said.

The homes are clustered around a golf course, and residents join in activities ranging from tai chi and swimming to woodworking and shuffleboard, according to the association's website.

## Board adopts report on Uber's culture, silent on CEO leave

**DETROIT** (AP)—Uber's Board of Directors has adopted a series of recommendations about the company's corporate culture from former Attorney General Eric Holder, but it was silent late Sunday on whether it would approve a leave of absence for the ride service's embattled CEO.

A spokesman confirmed that the board met with Holder and Tammy Albarrán, both partners with Covington & Burling LLP, a law firm hired to investigate complaints of widespread sexual harassment and other deep-seeded cultural problems at Uber.

Board members voted unanimously to adopt all of the firm's recommendations, which were to be released to employees on Tuesday, the spokesman said.

He would not comment on any further actions taken by the board, including whether it discussed the future of CEO Travis Kalanick. Multiple media outlets reported Sunday that the board was considering a leave of absence for Kalanick.

Uber Technologies Inc. has been rocked by accusations that its management has fostered a workplace environment where harassment, discrimination and bullying are left unchecked.

Uber announced last week that it fired 20 employees for harassment problems after a separate investigation by a different law firm.

Under Kalanick, Uber has shaken up the taxi industry in hundreds of cities and turned the San Francisco-based company into the world's most valuable startup. Uber's valuation has climbed to nearly $70 billion.

But Kalanick has acknowledged his management style needs improvement. The 40-year-old CEO said earlier this year that he needed to "fundamentally change and grow up."

In February, former Uber engineer Susan Fowler wrote

## Frozen treats no remedy for frozen salaries

**YOUR OFFICE COACH**

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**Q: I recently discovered that one of my co-workers is a registered sex offender. This creep was previously convicted of second-degree sexual assault on a female. When the owners of the company I work for hired him, they obviously failed to thoroughly check his background.**

**I have worked with convicted felons and believe they should be allowed to continue with their lives after paying their debt to society. However, I'm so disgusted by this potential rapist that I can hardly stand to be around him. Even though I would love to get rid of the guy, I'm conflicted about telling the owners. What's your opinion?**

**A:** I completely understand your visceral reaction to this colleague's questionable past. One complicating factor, however, is that some registry offenses are less serious than the description implies. For example, a teenager might have a consensual relationship with a minor near his age. Although this is a common occurrence, it is nevertheless illegal.

So before labeling your coworker a "potential rapist," you need more specific facts. Since convictions are a matter of public record, details could probably be obtained by contacting the clerk of court in the jurisdiction where the offense occurred. But regardless of the circumstances, management should definitely be given this information.

As employers, the owners are legally responsible for both the safety of others and proper treatment of this employee. To make an informed decision about his continued employment, they will need to seek out legal advice, as numerous state and federal laws may apply. And for your own protection, they must agree to keep your identity confidential.

Of course, you may find that the owners have already assessed the situation and decided to give this guy a chance. But if they were clueless about his record, a comprehensive background check should immediately be added to this company's hiring process.

**Q: After our small business was sold to a large corporation, all salaries were immediately frozen. On a recent visit, our new CEO said this freeze was permanent and there would be no raises for the foreseeable future.**

**However, to show how much he cares, the CEO has now arranged for a frozen lemonade truck to come by every Friday. We each get one free lemonade pop. Does this guy not see that giving us treats instead of raises is insulting?**

**A:** As many have learned before you, nothing is certain after an acquisition. You are now working for an entirely different company. And that company is trying to standardize pay by merging your old compensation system with their own.

Based on the pay freeze, either your former owners were overly generous, or your new employer is extremely frugal. If salaries in your small business were comparatively high, eliminating raises will begin to bring them back to market rate. But if the acquiring company pays well below market, then you may now work at a sweatshop.

Either way, raises won't be reappearing anytime soon. However, you might ask human resources for a better explanation of this compensation decision. And perhaps you could diplomatically explain why frozen salaries and frozen treats are a bad combination.


## COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
## SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to a decrease in the average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 6.42%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has decreased from $0.16381 per kWh to **$0.15330** per kWh effective **June 1, 2017.**

### BASE RATES

| | | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL | GOVERNMENT | MP* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Monthly Customer Charge | $ 7.00 | $ 10.00 | $ 10.00 | $ 9.06 |
| 2 | Base Rates Per kWh: | | | | |
| | KWH LEVELS | | | | |
| | 1) 1 to 350 | $ 0.0210 | $ 0.1130 | $ 0.1240 | $ 0.1070 |
| | 2) 351 to 1,200 | $ 0.0970 | $ 0.1130 | $ 0.1240 | $ 0.1070 |
| | 3) 1,201 and over | $ 0.1580 | $ 0.1130 | $ 0.1240 | $ 0.1070 |

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### FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)

| | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL | GOVERNMENT | MP* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Current FAC (Effective 06/01/17) | $ 0.15330 | $ 0.15330 | $ 0.15330 | $ 0.15330 |
| Previous FAC (02/01/17 - 05/31/17) | $ 0.16381 | $ 0.16381 | $ 0.16381 | $ 0.16381 |

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### PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF

**Availability:** Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.
**Energy Charge:** The Energy Charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable Electric Base Rate and the Fuel Adjustment Charge.
**Fixture Charge:** See below.

| | FIXTURE TYPE | WATTS | KWH/MONTH | FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Long Arm | 250 | 101 | $ 11.67 |
| 2 | Short Arm | 175 | 71 | $ 8.33 |
| 3 | LED | 140 | 57 | $ 10.83 |

### ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Late Charge (monthly) | 1% of Past Due |
| 2 | NSF Check / Returned Check Charge | $ 40.00 |
| 3 | Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments) - Temporarily Suspended | $ 1.50 |
| 4 | Unauthorized Connection | $ 550.00 |
| 5 | Reconnection at the Pole | $ 200.00 |
| 6 | Investigation (no charge for first two investigations) | $ 210.00 |
| 7 | Disconnection Notice - Temporarily Suspended | $ 15.00 |
| 8 | Meter Change Out | $ 95.00 |
| 9 | New Service - Single Phase | $ 135.00 |
| 10 | Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections) | $ 90.00 |
| 11 | Meter Test - Single Phase | $ 75.00 |
| 12 | Meter Test - Three Phase | $ 110.00 |
| 13 | Disconnection at the Meter | $ 45.00 |
| 14 | Reconnection at the Meter | $ 60.00 |

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# Nation

## Republicans urge Trump on tapes; Sessions to testify Tues.

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Fellow Republicans pressed President Donald Trump on Sunday to come clean about whether he has tapes of private conversations with former FBI Director James Comey and provide them to Congress if he does—or possibly face a subpoena, as a Senate investigation into collusion with Russia or obstruction of justice extended to a Trump Cabinet member.

It was a sign of escalating fallout from riveting testimony from Comey last week of undue pressure from Trump, which drew an angry response from the president on Friday that Comey was lying.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions was in for sharp questioning by senators on the Senate Intelligence committee Tuesday. Whether that hearing will be public or closed is not yet known.

"I don't understand why the president just doesn't clear this matter up once and for all," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, a member of that committee, referring to the existence of any recordings.

She described Comey's testimony as "candid" and "thorough" and said she would support a subpoena if needed. Trump "should voluntarily turn them over," Collins said.

Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., also a member of that committee, agreed the panel needed to hear any tapes that exist. "We've obviously pressed the White House," he said.



AP

President Donald Trump boards Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Friday, June 9, 2017. Trump is scheduled to spend the weekend at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

Trump's aides have dodged questions about whether conversations relevant to the Russia investigation have been recorded, and so has the president. Pressed on the issue Friday, Trump said "I'll tell you about that maybe sometime in the very near future."

Lankford said Sessions' testimony Tuesday will help flesh out the truth of Comey's allegations, including Sessions' presence at the White House in February when Trump asked to speak to Comey alone. Comey alleges that Trump then privately asked him to drop a probe into former national security adviser Michael Flynn's contacts with Russia.

Comey also has said Sessions did not respond when he complained he didn't "want to get time alone with the president again." The Justice Department has denied that, saying Sessions stressed to Comey the need to be careful about following appropriate policies.

"We want to be able to get his side of it," Lankford said.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said "there's a real question of the propriety" of Sessions' involvement in Comey's dismissal, because Sessions had stepped aside from the federal investigation into contacts between Russia and the Trump campaign. Comey was leading that probe.

Reed said he also wants to know if Sessions had more meetings with Russian officials as a Trump campaign adviser than have been disclosed.

Trump on Sunday accused Comey of "cowardly" leaks and predicted many more from him. "Totally illegal?" he asked in a tweet. "Very 'cowardly!'"

Several Republican lawmakers also criticized Comey for disclosing memos he had written in the aftermath of his private conversations with Trump, calling that action "inappropriate." But, added Lankford "releasing his memos is not damaging to national security."

The New York City federal prosecutor who expected to remain on the job when Trump took office but ended up being fired said he was made uncomfortable by one-on-one interactions with the president—just like Comey was. Preet Bharara told ABC's "This Week" that Trump was trying to "cultivate some kind of relationship" with him when he called him twice before the inauguration to "shoot the breeze."

He said Trump reached out to him again after the inauguration but he refused to call back, shortly before he was fired.

On Comey's accusations that Trump pressed him to drop the FBI investigation of Flynn, Bharara said "no one knows right now whether there is a provable case of obstruction" of justice. But: "I think there's absolutely evidence to begin a case."

## Puerto Rico gov upholds statehood in vote hit by boycott

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** (AP)—Puerto Rico's governor is vowing to turn the U.S. territory into the 51st state after statehood won in a non-binding referendum hit by a boycott and low turnout that raised questions about the vote's legitimacy.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello told a couple hundred supporters waving U.S. flags late Sunday that he will soon create a commission to appoint two senators and five representatives to demand statehood from the U.S. Congress, which has to approve any changes to the island's political status.

"The United States of America will have to obey the will of our people!" Rossello yelled to a crowd clutching U.S. flags and dancing to a tropical jingle that promoted statehood.

But experts say it is highly unlikely a Republican-controlled Congress would acknowledge Sunday's results, let alone accept them because Puerto Rico tends to favor Democrats.

The referendum has sparked dozens of memes that turned viral, including some showing the tropical island covered in snow.

More than half a million people voted for statehood during Sunday's referendum, followed by nearly 7,800 votes for free association/independence and more than 6,800 votes for the current territorial status. Voter turnout was just 23 percent.

It was the lowest level of participation in any election in Puerto Rico since 1967, noted Carlos Vargas Ramos, an associate with the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College in New York. He told The Associated Press that even among voters who supported statehood, turnout was lower this year compared with the previous referendum in 2012.

"Supporters of statehood did not seem enthusiastic about this plebiscite as they were five years ago," he said.

Rossello brushed aside those concerns, noting that the referendum was a democratic process in which the majority prevailed as he questioned why more people did not come out to defend alternatives to statehood. He also said that participation rates varied from 7 percent to 35 percent for states including Wisconsin and Hawaii when they were ratified as states.

Three of Puerto Rico's political parties including the main opposition party had called on their supporters to boycott the referendum, which they labeled a failure.

Former Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla, who did not seek re-election last year and whose party supports the status quo, rejected Sunday's results.

"Whoever claims that statehood triumphed is being intellectually dishonest," he said. "The boycott defeated statehood."

The referendum coincided with the 100th anniversary of the United States granting U.S. citizenship to Puerto Ricans, though they are barred from voting in presidential elections and have only one congressional representative with limited voting powers.

Many believe the island's territorial status has contributed to its economic crisis, largely caused by decades of heavy borrowing and the elimination of federal tax incentives.

Puerto Rico is exempt from the U.S. federal income tax, but it still pays Social Security and Medicare and local taxes and receives less federal funding than U.S. states.

"We have been a colony for 500 years, and we have had U.S. citizenship for 100 years, but it's been a second class one," Rossello said.

Nearly half a million Puerto Ricans have fled to the U.S. mainland to escape the island's 10-year economic recession and 12 percent unemployment rate.

Those who remain behind have faced new taxes and higher utility bills on an island where food is 22 percent more expensive than the U.S. mainland and public services are 64 percent more expensive.

Jose Rosa, a 62-year-old retired corrections officer, said the island's situation is the reason he voted for the first time in such a referendum, the fifth on Puerto Rico's status.

"We need a change in the way we're living," he said. "You can see the crisis."

No clear majority emerged in the first three referendums on status, with voters almost evenly divided between statehood and the status quo. During the last referendum in 2012, 54 percent said they wanted a status change.

## A mix of pride and anger at LGBT rights marches across US

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Supporters of LGBT rights marched and rallied in the nation's capital and dozens of other U.S. cities on Sunday, celebrating gains but angry over threats posed by the administration of President Donald Trump.

The centerpiece event, the Equality March in Washington, was endorsed by virtually every major national advocacy group working on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans.

Activists have been embittered by the Trump administration's rollback of federal guidance advising school districts to let transgender students use the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice.

They also complain that Trump, who campaigned as a potential ally of gays and lesbians, has stocked his administration with foes of LGBT rights, including Vice President Mike Pence, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price.

Throngs of marchers, many thousands strong, paraded past the White House and toward the Capitol, trailing behind a giant rainbow flag near the head of the procession.

"We're here, we're queer, get that Cheeto out of here," was among the chants directed at Trump.

For the LGBT community nationwide, it's an emotional time. Monday is the anniversary of the mass shooting a year ago in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people—mostly Latinos—at Pulse, a gay nightclub.

Among the marchers in Washington was Gil Mendez, a Puerto Rican native who traveled with his partner all the way from San Francisco to join the parade. He carried a sign that included the names of all the Pulse victims.

# Asia

# In fight for PH city, a painful window on war

**MARAWI, Philippines** (AP)—From the third-story window of a barren government office building he now squats in as a refugee, Nasir Abdul is watching his city being destroyed.

Nearly every day for the past three weeks, the Philippine military has pounded the lakeside town of Marawi with rockets and bombs as it tries to wipe out militants linked to the Islamic State group in some of the fiercest urban combat this volatile region has seen in decades.

And on nearly every one of those days, Abdul has stood at the window and watched, unable to turn away from the deadly spectacle unfolding just a mile (a kilometer and a half) away.

As plumes of thick black smoke wafted above the city's minarets again Friday—a day of intense skirmishes in which the army lost 13 marines—Abdul stood transfixed with dozens of other displaced residents. Two helicopter gunships had just finished strafing the city, and now people were pointing toward a Vietnam-era attack aircraft circling overhead.

The plane, an OV-10 Bronco, turned and dove straight down on the city center, firing off two bombs before suddenly pulling up its nose and spiraling away. Moments later, blasts shook the city and more smoke billowed skyward.

"It feels impossible that this is happening," the 45-year-old Abdul said, as the sound of gunfire crackled in the distance. When "I see the bombings, I can't help but cry. I can't help but think what's happening to my relatives, my family, my business, my house."

Three weeks after a new alliance of Islamic militants tried to seize this town in their boldest attack yet, large chunks of downtown have been reduced to ruins. Militants remain holed up in several pockets scattered around the city center, along with at least 100 civilians, including hostages the army says are being used as human shields. There is no electricity, and most of the town's 200,000 inhabitants have fled.

The military says the death toll includes at least 138 militants, 58 government troops and 29 civilians—among them a teenager shot Friday as he sheltered inside a Marawi mosque.

But the fighting is so intense, it's impossible to fully recover bodies to get an accurate casualty toll.



AP
In this Friday, June 9, 2017, photo, evacuees stay at a crowded evacuation center on the outskirts of Marawi city, southern Philippines.

"It hurts to watch because we know people are dying with every bomb," Abdul said. "We know a lot of people are buried under that rubble."

The conflict in Marawi has raised fears that the Islamic State group's violent ideology is gaining a foothold in this country's restive southern islands, where Muslim separatists have fought for greater autonomy for decades.

The military says militants are trying to establish a caliphate here, similar to one IS has attempted to create in the Middle East that stretches from the Syrian city of Raqqa to embattled Mosul, in Iraq. They believe 40 foreign fighters have participated in the fighting in Marawi, including Malaysians and Indonesians.

The government has asked the U.S. to provide intelligence and other technical support, and at least one American surveillance plane has flown in support of Philippine forces.

Abdul said that while people in Marawi support autonomy, few back the extremist militant groups who have grown notorious for carrying out kidnappings and beheadings.

However, Lt. Col. Jo-ar Herrera, spokesman for the army's 1st Infantry Division, said the insurgents likely have "a lot of sympathizers, a lot of supporters in this area."

The main group leading the siege, the Maute, has deep roots in the city—"in terms of relatives, in terms of connections, in terms of culture, heritage," he said.

The Maute, named after three militant brothers, staged a similar attack in November on nearby Butig, on the opposite side of Lake Lanao, which lasted six days. But the intensity of the latest assault, and the ability of the militants to hold out for so long, appears to have caught the government off guard. Herrera said insurgents had prepared for as much as a year, stocking secret caches in basements with food, weapons and ammunition.

Rexson Tamano, who is sleeping on the floor of an outdoor hallway in the same provincial government building as Abdul, said he saw no suspicious activity and no sign an attack was imminent.

When gunfire heralded the start of the siege on May 23, he called his pregnant wife on the other side of town to check in on her and their four children.

"She said, 'Stay where you are, please don't come for us, it's too dangerous,'" Tamano recalled. He ran home anyway, but was stopped at a checkpoint manned by militants. They wore black ski masks, and each held a machine-gun.

"I tried to walk away but they called me over and asked whether I was Muslim or Christian," Tamano said. He told them the truth—he was Muslim, and they waved him through.

The city's minority Christians have been singled out for execution.

Mikee Rakim, a humanitarian volunteer, said one group of 10 Christians told him they had been taken hostage when the fighting started. Militants beheaded two of them and were preparing to kill the rest when an airstrike hit a neighboring house, enabling them to escape.

While most of the displaced have sheltered inland, Abdul and Tamano are among about 200 people who have chosen to remain close to the city, anxious to return when the fighting ends to homes they fear were either looted or destroyed.

The government has distributed food, water and sleeping mats to the families camped out here, who gather in small groups at the windows every time the fighting intensifies.

While explosions shook Marawi on Friday and fighter jets buzzed overhead, one boy pushed a baby on a stroller through a hallway. In a corner, several other children sat making toy tanks out of paper.

"ISIS! ISIS!" cried one boy, laughing as he pointed to a tiny black flag on one of the tanks.

Fahadda Camim, who was conducting an assessment for Community Family Services International, a Filipino humanitarian organization, said the children were "copying what they see outside" and were in need of counseling.

The adults, too, are traumatized, she said, and "some are still very afraid." The clashes are a constant reminder that their lives have been upended, and their fates remain uncertain.

Abdul said he did not want to watch the fighting. But he could not resist, either. "It's our city," he said. "It's so painful. It's impossible to turn away."

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Indian official says key rebel leader dies in Myanmar

**GAUHATI, India** (AP)—An Indian government official says the leader of a key insurgent group in India's remote northeast has died in a hospital in Myanmar. Nagaland state police chief L.L. Doungel says S.S. Khaplang, head of the separatist National Socialist Council of Nagaland, died of renal failure Friday in Taga region, his outfit's headquarters. He was 77. Doungel said Saturday his information was based on intelligence reports. Khaplang called off peace talks with India two years ago and resumed his fight for an independent Naga homeland. India blamed his group for killing 18 army soldiers in Manipur state bordering Myanmar in 2015 in the worst attack by the insurgents in two decades. Separatist groups in the northeast accuse the Indian government of exploiting the region's rich natural resources while neglecting local development.

### Pakistani sentenced to death for blasphemy on social media

**MULTAN, Pakistan** (AP)—A government prosecutor says a judge has sentenced a minority Shiite Muslim to death for sharing blasphemous content about Islam on social media. Shafiq Chaudhry says Judge Shabir Ahmed announced the sentence for 30-year-old Taimore Raza on Saturday in Bahawalpur, a city in eastern Punjab province. Raza was arrested last year for allegedly posted derogatory content about Sunni Muslim religious leaders and wives of the Prophet Mohammed on Facebook. Pakistan is a predominantly Sunni Muslim country and the rivalry between Shiite and Sunni Muslims dates back to the seventh century when they had a falling out over who should be the heir to Islam's prophet Mohammed. Under Pakistan's harsh blasphemy laws, anyone accused of insulting God, Islam or other religious personalities can be sentenced to death.

### Plane lands safely in Sydney with hole in engine casing

**SYDNEY** (AP)—A plane heading to Shanghai returned safely to Sydney after an in-flight problem left a gaping hole in the engine casing. China Eastern said the crew on Flight 736 noticed damage to the air inlet on the left engine after takeoff Sunday evening and the captain decided to return. The airline said on its Sina Weibo microblog that the plane landed safety and the airline was taking care of passengers' needs. The A330 plane from Airbus has two engines. Passengers told Australian media they heard a massive noise and smelled something burning. Passenger Ashley Beck told Australia's Channel Nine that after the passengers heard a loud noise, the crew started moving everyone from the left side of the plane. Photos shared on social media showed a jagged, vertical hole in the side of the casing.

# World

# Tottering May names new UK Cabinet as critics circle

**LONDON** (AP)—Embattled British Prime Minister Theresa May appointed ministers to her shaky government Sunday, as some Conservative colleagues rallied to support her—and others said her days were numbered after last week's disastrous election.

May is seeking a deal with a Northern Irish party to prop up the Conservative minority administration, and lawmakers said the rebuff from voters meant the government will have to abandon planned policies and re-think its strategy for European Union exit talks.

A stream of senior lawmakers entered May's 10 Downing St. office Sunday afternoon, to learn what roles they had been given in government.

May's weakened position in the party ruled out big changes. All the most senior ministers—including Treasury chief Philip Hammond, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, Defense Secretary Michael Fallon and Home Secretary Amber Rudd—kept their jobs and there were few changes in the Cabinet lineup.

Damian Green, a lawmaker in the pro-EU wing of the party, was promoted to first secretary of state—effectively deputy prime minister.

May also reappointed an old adversary—Michael Gove, a former rival for the Conservative leadership whom May fired from the Cabinet when she took office last year. The pro-Brexit Gove was appointed Environment Secretary.

May shrugged off suggestions her days in Downing St. were numbered.

Asked if she is now just a caretaker leader, May noted that "I said during the election campaign that if elected I would intend to serve a full term."

But rumors swirled of plots to oust May. Johnson—a former Tory leadership contender—denied he was planning a leadership challenge. He tweeted that an article in the Mail on Sunday newspaper headlined "Boris set to launch bid to be PM as May clings on" was "tripe."

In a WhatsApp message to Conservative lawmakers, Johnson said: "Folks we need to calm down and get behind the prime minister."

In Thursday's election the Conservatives won 318 of the 650 House of Commons seats, 12 fewer than the party had before the snap election, and eight short of the 326 needed for an outright majority. Labour surpassed expectations by winning 262.

Former Treasury chief George Osborne—who was fired by May last year—called May a "dead woman walking," and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said he was ready to contest another election at any time.

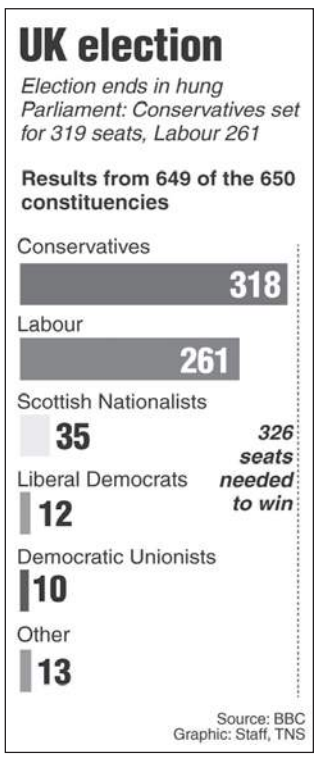
Many senior Conservatives say May should stay, for now, to provide stability. But few believe she can hang on for more than a few months.

"I think her position is, in the long term, untenable," Conservative lawmaker Anna Soubry told Sky News.

But Graham Brady, who chairs the influential 1922 Committee of backbench Conservative lawmakers, said a "self-indulgent" party leadership campaign would only cause more uncertainty.




AP
People demonstrate in Parliament Square against the Conservative and DUP coalition government following the Britain's general election result, in London, Saturday June 10, 2017.




# Qatar Airways profits $540 million, braces for Gulf crisis

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** (AP)—Qatar Airways announced on Sunday its net profits rose to $540 million in its latest financial disclosure before the airline took a hit and was blocked from flying to major Arab states.

The carrier, which marks its 20th anniversary this year and is one of the Middle East's biggest airlines, said revenue rose last year from $9.6 billion to $10.6 billion in the fiscal year ending March 31. Its net profits in 2016 stood at around $445 million.

Analysts estimate that a political standoff between Qatar and other Arab states will cost the airline heavily. Last week, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain cut ties with Qatar and blocked direct flights with the country.

Qatar Airways also stopped its flights to the four Arab countries in response to the UAE's Etihad, Emirates, FlyDubai, EgyptAir and Bahrain's Gulf Air suspending flights to Qatar.

Qatar's new and state-of-the-art Hamad International Airport in Doha serves as a major transit hub for some 37 million passengers a year, largely between Europe and Asia. The cancelled flights impact many of the airline's travelers who fly via to Doha to international destinations.

Additionally, Qatar Airways is now using longer routes to its European and North American destinations, including direct flights to the world's busiest international airport in Atlanta, after Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt barred Qatari flights from their airspace.

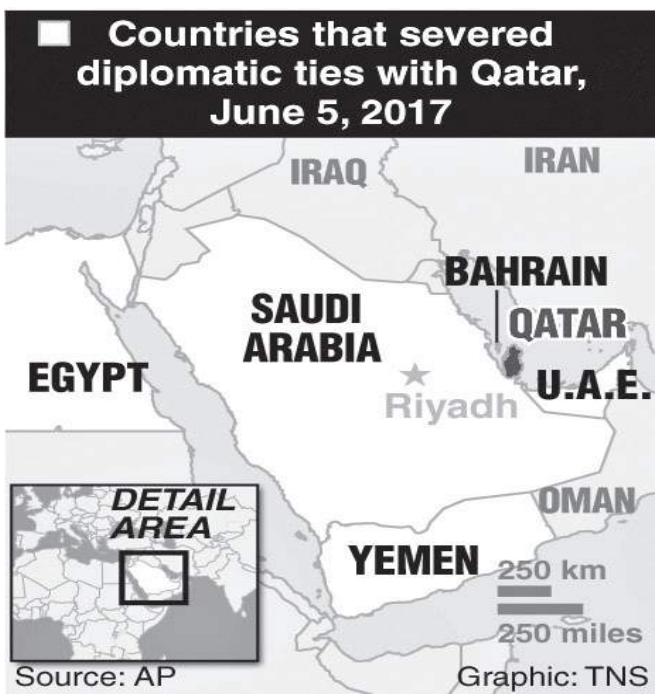
Qatar Airways CEO Akbar al-Baker acknowledged the measures in a statement in the company's annual fiscal report.

"Qatar Airways continues to operate to the rest of its network as per its published schedules with day-to-day adjustments for operational and commercial efficiencies," he said, without elaborating further.

The airline, which has one of the world's most modern fleets and an array of premium services, flies to more than 150 destinations. It added 10 new destinations last year.

The political storm surrounding Qatar is impacting life and business in one of the world's biggest natural gas producers and travel hubs, which is preparing to host soccer's World Cup in 2022.

The four Arab countries accuse it of supporting terror groups in the region, interfering in their sovereign affairs and backing groups that undermine political stability. Qatar says it denounces terrorism and that the moves to isolate it are politically motivated.




# Macron's takeover of French politics is all but complete

**PARIS** (AP)—Emmanuel Macron's takeover of French politics is all but complete. The newly elected French leader's gamble that voters wanted to throw out old faces and try something new is paying off in full—first by giving him the presidency and, on Sunday, the crucial first step toward securing the legislative power to deliver on his pledge of far-reaching change.

As when voters turned the previously unelected Macron into France's youngest president last month, Sunday's first round of voting in two-stage legislative elections again brought stinging black eyes to traditional parties that, having monopolized power for decades, are being utterly routed by Macron's political revolution.

His fledgling Republic on the Move!—contesting its first-ever election and fielding many candidates with no political experience at all—was on course to deliver him a legislative majority so crushing that Macron's rivals fretted that the 39-year-old president will be able to govern France almost unopposed for his full five-year term.

Record-low turnout, however, took some shine off the achievement. Less than 50 percent of the 47.5 million electors cast ballots—showing that Macron has limited appeal to many voters.

Macron intends to set his large and likely pliant cohort of legislators, all of them having pledged allegiance to his program, to work immediately. He wants, within weeks, to start reforming French labor laws to make hiring and firing easier, and legislate a greater degree of honesty into parliament, to staunch the steady flow of scandals that over decades have eroded voter trust in the political class.

With 94 percent of votes counted, Macron's camp was comfortably leading with more than 32 percent—putting it well ahead of all opponents going into the decisive second round of voting next Sunday for the 577 seats in the lower-house National Assembly.

Macron's prime minister, Edouard Philippe, confidently declared Sunday night that the second round vote would give the assembly a "new face."

"France is back," he said.

Pollsters estimated that Macron's camp could end up with as many as 450 seats—and that the opposition in parliament would be fragmented as well as small.

# Focus

# New frontier in cancer care: Turning blood into living drugs

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In this photo taken March 28, 2017, research technician Ashwini Balakrishnan works in the immunotherapy research lab of Dr. Stanley Riddell at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

**SEATTLE** (AP)—Ken Shefveland's body was swollen with cancer, treatment after treatment failing until doctors gambled on a radical approach: They removed some of his immune cells, engineered them into cancer assassins and unleashed them into his bloodstream.

Immune therapy is the hottest trend in cancer care and this is its next frontier—creating "living drugs" that grow inside the body into an army that seeks and destroys tumors.

Looking in the mirror, Shefveland saw "the cancer was just melting away." A month later doctors at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center couldn't find any signs of lymphoma in the Vancouver, Washington, man's body.

"Today I find out I'm in full remission - how wonderful is that?" said Shefveland with a wide grin, giving his physician a quick embrace.

This experimental therapy marks an entirely new way to treat cancer—if scientists can make it work, safely. Early-stage studies are stirring hope as one-time infusions of supercharged immune cells help a remarkable number of patients with intractable leukemia or lymphoma.

"It shows the unbelievable power of your immune system," said Dr. David Maloney, Fred Hutch's medical director for cellular immunotherapy who treated Shefveland with a type called CAR-T cells.

"We're talking, really, patients who have no other options, and we're seeing tumors and leukemias disappear over weeks," added immunotherapy scientific director Dr. Stanley Riddell. But, "there's still lots to learn."

T cells are key immune system soldiers. But cancer can be hard for them to spot, and can put the brakes on an immune attack. Today's popular immunotherapy drugs called "checkpoint inhibitors" release one brake so nearby T cells can strike. The new cellular immunotherapy approach aims to be more potent: Give patients stronger T cells to begin with.

Currently available only in studies at major cancer centers, the first CAR-T cell therapies for a few blood cancers could hit the market later this year. The Food and Drug Administration is evaluating one version developed by the University of Pennsylvania and licensed to Novartis, and another created by the National Cancer Institute and licensed to Kite Pharma.

CAR-T therapy "feels very much like it's ready for prime time" for advanced blood cancers, said Dr. Nick Haining of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, who isn't involved in the development.

Now scientists are tackling a tougher next step, what Haining calls "the acid test": Making T cells target far more common cancers—solid tumors like lung, breast or brain cancer. Cancer kills about 600,000 Americans a year, including nearly 45,000 from leukemia and lymphoma.

"There's a desperate need," said NCI immunotherapy pioneer Dr. Steven Rosenberg, pointing to queries from hundreds of patients for studies that accept only a few.

For all the excitement, there are formidable challenges.

Scientists still are unraveling why these living cancer drugs work for some people and not others.

Doctors must learn to manage potentially life-threatening side effects from an overstimulated immune system. Also concerning is a small number of deaths from brain swelling, an unexplained complication that forced another company, Juno Therapeutics, to halt development of one CAR-T in its pipeline; Kite recently reported a death, too.

And, made from scratch for every patient using their own blood, this is one of the most customized therapies ever and could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"It's a Model A Ford and we need a Lamborghini," said CAR-T researcher Dr. Renier Brentjens of New York's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, which, like Hutch, has a partnership with Juno.

In Seattle, Fred Hutch offered a behind-the-scenes peek at research underway to tackle those challenges. At a recently opened immunotherapy clinic, scientists are taking newly designed T cells from the lab to the patient and back again to tease out what works best.

"We can essentially make a cell do things it wasn't programmed to do naturally," explained immunology chief Dr. Philip Greenberg. "Your imagination can run wild with how you can engineer cells to function better."

## TWO LONG WEEKS TO BREW A DOSE

The first step is much like donating blood. When leukemia patient Claude Bannick entered a Hutch CAR-T study in 2014, nurses hooked him to a machine that filtered out his white blood cells, including the T cells.

Technicians raced his bag of cells to a factory-like facility that's kept so sterile they must pull on germ-deflecting suits, booties and masks just to enter. Then came 14 days of wait and worry, as his cells were reprogrammed.

Bannick, 67, says he "was almost dead." Chemotherapy, experimental drugs, even a bone marrow transplant had failed, and "I was willing to try anything."

## GENETICALLY ENGINEERING CELLS

The goal: Arm T cells with an artificial receptor, a tracking system that can zero in on identifying markers of cancer cells, known as antigens. For many leukemias and lymphomas, that's an antigen named CD19.

Every research group has its own recipe but generally, scientists infect T cells with an inactive virus carrying genetic instructions to grow the desired "chimeric antigen receptor." That CAR will bind to its target cancer cells and rev up for attack.

Millions of copies of engineered cells are grown in incubators, Hutch technicians pulling out precious batches to monitor if they're ready for waiting patients.

If they work, those cells will keep multiplying in the body. If they don't, the doctors send blood and other samples back to researchers like Riddell to figure out why.

## WHAT'S THE DATA?

Small, early studies in the U.S. made headlines as 60 percent to 90 percent of patients trying CAR-Ts as a last resort for leukemia or lymphoma saw their cancer rapidly decrease or even become undetectable. Last week, Chinese researchers reported similar early findings as 33 of 35 patients with another blood cancer, multiple myeloma, reached some degree of remission within two months.

Too few people have been studied so far to know how long such responses will last. A recent review reported up to half of leukemia and lymphoma patients may relapse.

There are long-term survivors. Doug Olson in 2010 received the University of Pennsylvania's CAR-T version for leukemia. The researchers were frank - it had worked in mice but they didn't know what would happen to him.

"Sitting here almost seven years later, I can tell you it works," Olson, now 70, told a recent meeting of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Bannick, the Hutch patient treated in 2014, recalls Maloney calling him "the miracle man." He had some lingering side effects that required blood-boosting infusions but says CAR-T is "giving me a second life."

## SCARY SIDE EFFECTS

"The more side effects you have, that sort of tells everybody it's working," said Shefveland, who was hospitalized soon after his treatment at Hutch when his blood pressure collapsed. His last clear memory for days: "I was having a conversation with a nurse and all of a sudden it was gibberish."

As CAR-T cells swarm the cancer, an immune overreaction called "cytokine release syndrome" can trigger high fevers and plummeting blood pressure and in severe cases organ damage. Some patients also experience confusion, hallucinations or other neurologic symptoms.

Treatment is a balancing act to control those symptoms without shutting down the cancer attack.

Experienced cancer centers have learned to expect and watch for these problems. "And, most importantly, we've learned how to treat them," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the American Cancer Society, who is watching CAR-T's development.

## FIGHTING SOLID TUMORS WILL BE HARDER

CAR-Ts cause collateral damage, killing some healthy white blood cells, called B cells, along with cancerous ones because both harbor the same marker. Finding the right target to kill solid tumors but not healthy organ tissue will be even more complicated.

"You can live without some normal B cells. You can't live without your lungs," Riddell explained.

Early studies against solid tumors are beginning, targeting different antigens. Time-lapse photos taken through a microscope in Riddell's lab show those new CAR-T cells crawling over aggressive breast cancer, releasing toxic chemicals until tumor cells shrivel and die.

CARs aren't the only approach. Researchers also are trying to target markers inside tumor cells rather than on the surface, or even gene mutations that don't form in healthy tissue.

"It's ironic that the very mutations that cause the cancer are very likely to be the Achilles heel," NCI's Rosenberg said.

And studies are beginning to test CAR-Ts in combination with older immunotherapy drugs, in hopes of overcoming tumor defenses.

## HOW WILL PATIENTS GET THE FIRST CAR-T THERAPIES?

If the FDA approves Novartis' or Kite's versions, eligible leukemia and lymphoma patients would be treated at cancer centers experienced with this tricky therapy. Their T cells would be shipped to company factories, engineered, and shipped back. Gradually, more hospitals could offer it.

Because only certain patients would qualify for the first drugs, others would have to search for CAR-T studies to try the treatment. A drug industry report lists 21 CAR-T therapies in development by a dozen companies.

"This is the hope of any cancer patient, that if you stay in the game long enough, the next treatment's going to be just around the corner," said Shefveland, the Hutch patient.

# Overdrive



AUTO REVIEW

# Acura finds its way back with the 2018 TLX

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The 2018 Acura TLX features an entirely new nose that features an entirely new nose that features a handsome need grille first seen on the Acura Precision Concept car and the 2017 MDX.

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Being first isn't always a blessing. Just ask Honda.

Its Acura brand debuted in 1986 as the first upscale Japanese marque, years before Lexus and Infiniti. By the time its rivals came to market, Acura seemed to be firing on all cylinders. But the brand lost its way after Honda founder Soichiro Honda passed away, its image diluted by such mediocrities as the Vigor sedan, which was supplanted by the TL in 1995. While certainly an improvement, the suave and sedate TL seemed to possess the antithesis of Acura's performance-based persona. This confusion was particularly acute on the 2004-08 TL, an oversized, overwrought expression of a brand that had lost touch with its customers.

There were other signs of disconnect, such as when designers hid exhaust outlets, something most Acura aficionados would rather see. Most famously, there was the chrome nose, aka the milk moustache, which did little to enhance the brand's allure. Then, when the TLX replaced the TL and smaller TSX in 2014, it seemed to be more of the same.

A few years later, though, the folks at Acura awoke from their long slumber and revived the 2017 NSX as a high-tech Sport Hybrid. Now comes the refreshed 2018 TLX, a bold attempt at recapturing the brand's performance mojo in a midsize sedan.

Most of this comes down to a massive cosmetic freshening, with an entirely new nose that features a handsome grille first seen on the Acura Precision concept car and the 2017 MDX. The rest of the front-end is new as well, while the backside receives a bit of a nip and tuck too.



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The 2018 Acura TLX includes a revised infotainment system that now includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, although the awkward dual screen set-up survives.

What isn't new are the powertrains, which include a 2.4-liter four-cylinder rated at 206 horsepower and 182 pound-feet of torque and a 3.5-liter direct-injected 24-valve V-6 that generates 290 horsepower and 267 pound-feet of torque. Of course, being a fuel-efficient Honda, the V-6 automatically deactivates three of the engine's six cylinders under light engine loads. And, if you opt for Super Handling All-Wheel Drive with torque vectoring on V-6 models, you'll get automatic stop-start, which shuts off the engine while stopped at a traffic light.

That said, don't look for a true manual transmission. Four-cylinder models come closest thanks to an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission. Strangely, though, the transmission's saddled with a torque converter, which the company says smooths its shift feel. V-6 models get a nine-speed automatic transmission, and both gearboxes get sequential manual shift capability.

The car's performance can be altered by selecting one four drive modes: Econ, Normal, Sport or Sport+.

That said, if you're an Acura performance fan, the only version worth considering is the TLX V-6 A-Spec with SH-AWD. The A-Spec trim adds aggressive styling touches inside and uses meatier 19-inch wheels, a larger rear anti-roll bar and a myriad of suspension tweaks to give the TLX a notably sportier, more engaging feel than the base car. It's so good, in fact, it should be the standard suspension tuning. That is, if Acura is serious about reinstating its "precision crafted performance" image. By comparison, non A-Spec TLXs seem closer in feel to the lackluster models that preceded it.

And, as you'd expect, the AcuraWatch suite of driver-assistance features, which includes lane-keeping assist, forward-collision warning, automated emergency braking, adaptive cruise control, lane-departure warning and mitigation, is standard. A revised infotainment system now includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, although the awkward dual screen setup survives.

Faults aside, the TLX is a serious step in the right direction. It won't blow your dress up like the Acura Integra or Legend once did, but it will make you a believer that Acura is working its way out of the woods, even if it's not quite there yet.

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## NUTS & BOLTS

- **Base prices:** $33,000-$45,750
- **Engine:** 3.5-liter V-6, 2.4-liter DOHC four
- **Horsepower:** 290/206
- **Torque:** 267/182
- **Fuel type:** Premium
- **EPA fuel economy (city/highway):** 20-23/29-33
- **Wheelbase:** 109.3 inches
- **Length:** 191.7 inches
- **Cargo capacity:** 14.3 cubic feet
- **Curb weight:** 3,505-3,616 pounds

# Life & Style

# Outsiders make good as 'Dear Evan Hansen' wins big at Tonys

**NEW YORK** (AP)—"Dear Evan Hansen," the touching, heartfelt musical about young outsiders, has won the biggest theater popularity contest—winning the best new musical trophy at the Tony Awards along with five other statuettes, including best score, book and top actor honors for Ben Platt.

The show came into the night as the second-leading Tony nominee but ended up on top, with a revival of "Hello, Dolly!" starring Bette Midler next with four Tonys. "Oslo," a three-hour meditation on diplomacy, was named best play.

Midler took the best actress trophy and—to the amusement and cheers of the audience—refused to be played off, forcing the swelling orchestra into silence.

"This has the ability to lift your spirits in these terrible, terrible times," she said of her show.

"Dear Evan Hansen" came into the night behind "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812" with 12 nominations, but that musical which dramatizes a 70-page slice of Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace" stalled after winning just two technical awards, for best set and lighting.

Instead, the night belonged to "Dear Evan Hansen," a show that centers on a profoundly lonely 17-year-old who fabricates a prior friendship with a classmate who has just committed suicide.

Platt thanked his cast mates, crew and family, calling his parents his heroes. He had this inspiring message to young people out there: "The things that make you strange are the things that make you powerful."

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, who recently won an Oscar for the song "City of Stars" from the movie "La La Land," added to a remarkable year by earning Tonys for best score for writing the songs for "Dear Evan Hansen."

Moments later, the show's story writer, Steven Levenson, won the Tony for best book, and Alex Lacamoire earned one for best orchestations. Rachel Bay Jones won her first Tony for her work in the musical, capping a long career onstage with plenty of zigs and zags.

Cynthia Nixon won her second Tony, this time for her work in Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes." Nixon, the "Sex and the City" star, struck a defiant political tone, saluting those who refuse to stand by and watch bad things happen in the world.



AP

Kevin Spacey and the cast of Dear Evan Hansen perform at the 71st annual Tony Awards on Sunday, June 11, 2017, in New York.

Kevin Kline won his third Tony Award playing an egomaniacal matinee idol in the midst of personal turmoil in the play "Present Laughter." He thanked, among others, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Andy Blankenbuehler won his second choreography Tony in as many years—last year for "Hamilton" and this time for "Bandstand."

Laurie Metcalf won her first Tony, winning best actress honors in "A Doll's House, Part 2." She won three Emmy Awards for her role as Jackie Harris on "Roseanne" and thanked her children. Rebecca Taichman won best directing play honors for "Indecent."

"Am I dreaming? Is this some kind of crazy dream?" she asked.

Kevin Spacey kicked off his first-ever Tony Award hosting gig with grace and self-deprecating wit, dancing, singing and joking his way through an opening number that linked all four best new musical nominees and doing his best Glenn Close impersonation.

Spacey, who was named Tony host after several other celebrities turned down the job, laughed at himself in the 10-minute opening song, in which he gradually grew comfortable with hosting duties despite what he fears will be nasty tweets directed at him.

The telecast opened on a mournful host dressed like the title character in "Dear Evan Hansen"—complete with arm cast—before he soon showed up in a bed to mock "Groundhog Day The Musical" with an assist with Stephen Colbert, and then donned a fake beard as if he was in "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812." He went on to do impersonations of former President Bill Clinton and Johnny Carson.

The show's comedy had zings for Democrats and Republicans alike, with Colbert mocking President Donald Trump as if he were a show from Washington with bad hair and makeup that will be "closing early" due to poor reviews. Spacey, as Clinton, joked about his wife's fake email accounts.

In an attempt to shake up the show, producers asked the Rockettes back on a Tony stage after 13 years and asked all four playwrights nominated for best play Tonys appear to present their works.

The Rockettes had their own number and got to dance with the cast of "Come From Away," a feel-good Canadian musical set against the horror of 9/11. It earned Christopher Ashley the Tony for best direction of a musical. He dedicated it to 9/11 first responders and all those who were generous on that terrible day.

Spacey even had fun with speculation about his sexual orientation while singing the Andrew Lloyd Webber song "As If We Never Said Goodbye" from "Sunset Boulevard." Spacey, dressed as Close, sang "I'm coming out..." and then paused, tantalizingly. "Of makeup..."

Then Spacey led a line of high-kicking, tap dancers in a top hat, a white tie, tuxedo and a cane. "I'm Broadway bound," he sang. "Your next host is found." After the hectic number, he requested that his cardiologist be nearby.

The year after "Hamilton" took many prizes, Spacey jokingly pointed out that the subjects on Broadway this season included infidelity, suicide, greed, 9/11 and economic upheaval. His Frank Underwood from "House of Cards" made a late appearance, striding onto the stage with his TV wife played by Robin Wright. Later, he and Patti LuPone closed the show with a lovely duet of "The Curtain Falls" by Bobby Darin, a role he played onscreen.

Other winners included August Wilson's "Jitney," which drove away with the Tony for best play revival. Gavin Creel won his first Tony for featured actor in a musical in "Hello, Dolly!"

## WINNERS' LIST

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Select list of winners of the 2017 Tony Awards, announced Sunday:

Best Musical: "Dear Evan Hansen."

■ Best Play: "Oslo."

■ Best Original Score (Music and/or Lyrics): "Dear Evan Hansen."

■ Best Revival of a Play: "August Wilson's Jitney."

■ Best Revival of a Musical: "Hello, Dolly!"

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play: Kevin Kline, "Present Laughter."

■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play: Laurie Metcalf, "A Doll's House, Part 2."

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play: Michael Aronov, "Oslo."

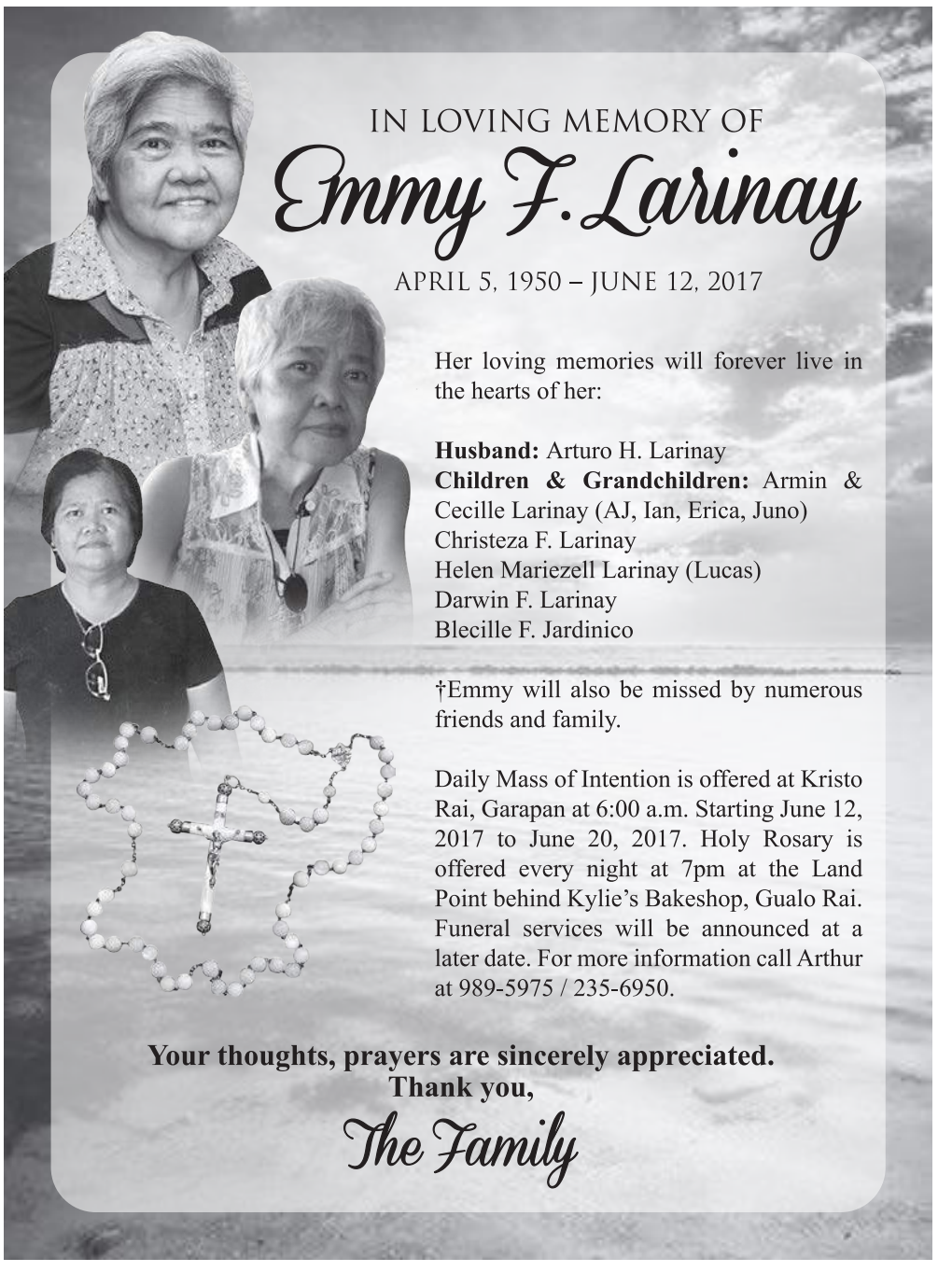
■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Play: Cynthia Nixon, "Lillian Hellman's The Little Foxes."

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical: Ben Platt, "Dear Evan Hansen."

■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical: Bette Midler, "Hello, Dolly!"

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical: Gavin Creel, "Hello, Dolly!"

■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical: Rachel Bay Jones, "Dear Evan Hansen."

# Will Cosby testify at sex assault trial? Lawyers remain mum

**NORRISTOWN, Pa.** (AP)—Actor Bill Cosby could charm jurors at his sexual assault trial if he testifies this week, but experts say the risk would be considerable.

Accuser Andrea Constand has told her side of the story. The jury also heard Cosby's version in the form of his police statement and his lurid deposition in her 2005 lawsuit. But will they hear from the 79-year-old actor himself when the defense starts Monday?

Cosby's spokesman says maybe, but his lawyers remain mum.

"He could be a fantastic witness. ... He's an actor and he's a very good actor," said Duquesne University School of Law professor Wes Oliver. "(But) he is potentially opening the door to a whole lot of cross-examination that they fought really hard to keep out."

Prosecutors wanted 13 other accusers to testify at the trial, but the judge allowed just one, an assistant to his agent at the William Morris Agency. That meant the prosecution rested its case on Friday, just five days after the trial began.

If Cosby testifies, and denies drugging and molesting Constand or anyone else, the judge might allow more accusers to testify as rebuttal witnesses.

"It would be very bad for him for the jury to even begin to think about the other women," Oliver said.

The defense's main goal this past week has been to attack the credibility of Constand and the William Morris assistant, Kelly Johnson. Johnson had corroborating evidence in the form of her 1996 worker's compensation claim. A lawyer on the case recalled her startling account of being drugged and sexually assaulted by Cosby, but his notes revealed a glaring discrepancy in the account. He said the encounter occurred in 1990, while Johnson insists it was 1996, the year she left her job.

The defense had more trouble trying to discredit Constand. They hammered home the point that she doesn't know just when it happened, and they questioned why she had regular phone contact with Cosby later that spring. Constand said she had to return calls from the Temple University trustee because he was an important booster and she worked for the women's basketball team.

She filed a police complaint in January 2005 after moving back home to the Toronto area, and then sued Cosby in March 2005 when the local prosecutor decided not to charge him.

Cosby's testimony in her civil case shows just how hard a witness he would be to control. His answers, like his comedy routines, meander from point to point and veer toward stream of consciousness.

And he uses jarring language to describe his sexual encounters with various young women. He talks in the deposition of "the penile entrance" and "digital penetration," and he told Constand's mother, when she called to confront him, that her daughter had had an orgasm. And he can display hints of arrogance.

"One of the greatest storytellers in the world and I'm failing," Cosby said when asked to repeat an answer in the deposition.

The defense could call other witnesses to try to bolster their argument that Cosby had a consensual relationship with Constand, 35 years his junior.

# 'Wonder Woman' buries 'The Mummy' at box office



This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Gal Gadot in a scene from "Wonder Woman," in theaters on June 2. AP

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Tom Cruise was no match for Wonder Woman.

Warner Bros.' "Wonder Woman" wrapped up Cruise's "The Mummy" at the weekend box office, pulling in an estimated $57.2 million in North American theaters, according to studio estimates Sunday. Universal's "The Mummy" looked its age, selling a relatively feeble $32.2 million in tickets in its debut weekend.

That couldn't compete with "Wonder Woman" in its second weekend. The Gal Gadot superhero film, directed by Patty Jenkins, has quickly earned $205 million domestically in two weeks.

The poor North American opening for "The Mummy," which cost an estimated $125 million to produce, meant a weak start for Universal's ballyhooed "Dark Universe."

"The Mummy" is intended to launch a new, Marvel-style connected franchise that resurrects many of the famous monster characters—including Frankenstein, Dracula and The Invisible Man —from the studio's vaults.

Universal could still point to strong ticket sales internationally, where "The Mummy" grossed $141.8 million in 63 territories, including $52.2 million in China. According to Universal, it's the biggest worldwide opening for Cruise. His star power now shines brightest overseas, where audiences have been more forgiving of the actor's baggage.

1. "**Wonder Woman**," $57.2 million *($58.1 million international).*
2. "**The Mummy**," $32.2 million *($141.8 million international).*
3. "**Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie**," $12.3 million *($1.7 million international).*
4. "**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tells**," $10.7 million *($34.8 million international).*
5. "**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2**," $6.2 million *($2.2 million international).*
6. "**It Comes at Night**," $6 million.
7. "**Baywatch**," $4.6 million *($10.7 million international).*
8. "**Megan Leavey**," $3.8 million.
9. "**Alien: Covenant**," $1.8 million *($1.6 million international).*
10. **"Everything, Everything**," $1.6 million.

But critics slammed the film, directed by Alex Kurtzman; it has a dismal 17 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Audiences agreed, giving "The Mummy" a B-minus CinemaScore.

Universal distribution executives trumpeted the film's international performance while acknowledging the North American gross left something to be desired. But should there be any doubt, it's still full-steam ahead for the Dark Universe. Johnny Depp is already signed up to play the Invisible Man, as is Javier Bardem to play Frankenstein's Monster. "Beauty and the Beast" director Bill Condon is set to helm "Bride of Frankenstein."

Duncan Clark, president of international distribution for Universal, played down the connective tissue between "The Mummy" and future Dark Universe releases.

"The array of titles available for us and the talent we have coming on board for the ones coming up, they all have to operate as an individual title," said Clark. "We're looking forward to Bill Condon's movie. We're looking forward to any number of the ones in the group. I don't think one can look at any one film that has an influence on the ten that we could possibly do."

Universal has grown enormous franchises from humble beginnings before, most notably with the now dominant and never-ending "Fast and the Furious" movies. The success of "Wonder Woman"—now with $435 million globally—also points to a studio (Warner Bros.) pivoting after a poor response to previous DC Comics releases ("Suicide Squad," ''Batman v. Superman").

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore, said "The Mummy" opening showed the challenge of launching a franchise with North American audiences, who are more deterred by bad reviews.

"The Dark Universe has to start somewhere," said Dergarabedian. "It's worth pursuing because the creative possibilities are endless. Lessons are learned from every movie. I don't think this debut in North America should deter them from moving forward."

Writer-director Trey Edward Shults' "It Comes at Night" aimed for more discerning horror fans. His thriller, one of the widest openings yet for "Moonlight" distributor A24, sold a modest $6 million in tickets. That was less than most analysts expected for the well-reviewed film, starring Joel Edgerton. But "It Comes at Night" also only cost $5 million to make.

The box-office reign of "Wonder Woman" is all but certain to end next weekend when Pixar's "Cars 3" opens.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers also are included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

# Companies ends sponsorship over Trump killing scene in play

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Delta Air Lines and Bank of America have announced that they are pulling their sponsorship of a Manhattan-based theater company's portrayal of Julius Caesar as a Donald Trump look-alike in a business suit who gets knifed to death on stage.

Atlanta-based Delta released a statement on Sunday saying it was pulling its sponsorship from The Public Theater "effective immediately."

"No matter what your political stance may be, the graphic staging of Julius Caesar at this summer's Free Shakespeare in the Park does not reflect Delta Air Lines' values," the statement said. "Their artistic and creative direction crossed the line on the standards of good taste."

Later Sunday night, Charlotte, North Carolina-based Bank of America said it was withdrawing its funding for the production.

"The Public Theater chose to present Julius Caesar in such a way that was intended to provoke and offend," the bank said in a tweet. "Had this intention been made known to us, we would have decided not to sponsor it."

Performances at Central Park's Delacorte Theater began in late May, just days before comedian Kathy Griffin was widely condemned for posing for a photograph in which she gripped a bloodied rendering of Trump's head.

Oskar Eustis, the Public Theater's artistic director who also directed the play, said earlier in a statement that "anyone seeing our production of 'Julius Caesar' will realize it in no way advocates violence towards anyone."

Messages seeking comment from The Public Theater weren't immediately returned.

Earlier Sunday, Donald Trump Jr. retweeted a Fox News story about the play and wrote, "I wonder how much of this 'art' is funded by taxpayers? Serious question, when does 'art' become political speech & does that change things?"

"Julius Caesar" tells a fictionalized story of a powerful, popular Roman leader who is assassinated by senators who fear he is becoming a tyrant. It is set in ancient Rome, but many productions have costumed the characters in modern dress to give it a present-day connection.

The production runs through June 18.

# Shakespeare scholar to hold position in Stephen King's honor

**ORONO, Maine** (AP)—A Shakespeare scholar who grew up reading Stephen King's books will hold a University of Maine position named in honor of him.

The University of Maine says it has named Caroline Bicks as its inaugural Stephen E. King chair in literature.

Bicks has been teaching English at Boston College since 2002 and will join UMaine in September.

She often speaks on Shakespeare's relevancy and echoes in popular culture today, including parallels between the personalities of Shakespeare's Juliet and King's Carrie. Her recent book is entitled "Shakespeare, Not Stirred: Cocktails for Your Everyday Drama."




AP

In this Nov. 13, 2013 file photo, author Stephen King poses for the cameras, during a promotional tour in Paris.

The Stephen E. King Chair in Literature was established in the University of Maine Foundation with a $1 million gift from the Harold Alfond Foundation.

King is an alumnus of the university.

# South Korea's Sunwoo wins Cliburn piano competition

**FORT WORTH, Texas** (AP)—South Korea's Yekwon Sunwoo has won the 15th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, which is one of the top showcases for the world's best pianists.

The 28-year-old Sunwoo emerged from 30 competitors to claim the $50,000 award and a gold medal Saturday in the competition held every four years in Fort Worth, where Cliburn lived. The contest was founded in the famed pianist's honor in 1962. He died in 2013.

Sunwoo is the first South Korean to win.

The competition began May 25 with pianists from 12 countries and Hong Kong. In the finals round, each of six finalists performed with a string quartet and then with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.

American Kenneth Broberg, a Minneapolis native, was second. Another American, Daniel Hsu, of San Francisco, finished third.

# Katy Perry opens up on livestream about suicidal thoughts

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Katy Perry opened up about having suicidal thoughts during a marathon weekend livestream event.

"I feel ashamed that I would have those thoughts, feel that low, and that depressed," she said Saturday on YouTube during a tearful session with Siri Singh from the Viceland series "The Therapist."

The pop star has been livestreaming herself since Friday, filming her life for anyone with an internet connection to see. She's been doing yoga, hosting dinner parties, sleeping, applying makeup and singing, of course.

By Sunday, the most revealing 60 minutes of the four-day "Katy Perry—Witness World Wide" event was her time with Singh.



AP

In this April 6, 2017 file photo, Katy Perry attends the Chanel dinner in Santa Monica, Calif.

Perry told Singh she struggles with her public persona. In the past, she said, she has had suicidal thoughts. She talked about the challenge of being her authentic self while promoting her public image as she lives "under this crazy microscope."

"I so badly want to be Katheryn Hudson (her birth name) that I don't even want to look like Katy Perry anymore sometimes—and, like, that is a little bit of why I cut my hair, because I really want to be my authentic self," she said.

Perry is sporting a new short, blond hairstyle.

The YouTube event is a promotion for her new album "Witness." The livestream will culminate in a free concert Monday in Los Angeles for 1,000 fans.

## 5 takeaways from the Tonys, including leave Bette alone

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Five memorable moments from the 2017 Tony Awards:

**DON'T MESS WITH BETTE:** It takes real bravado to even attempt to shoo off Bette Midler when she's winning her first competitive Tony. Producers tried on Sunday—and failed miserably. The Divine Miss M, who won best actress for "Hello, Dolly!" was not going to be denied and signaled she was in a feisty mood early: "I'd like to thank all the Tony voters—many of whom I've actually dated," she joked. When the orchestra tried to goose her along with swelling instruments, Midler was not having it. "Shut that crap off!" she said. The orchestra went wisely silent.

**TWO PRESIDENTS:** Host Kevin Spacey managed to portray two U.S. leaders in one telecast—former president Bill Clinton and Frank Underwood, the fictional president he plays on Netflix's political thriller "House of Cards." His Clinton joked about food and his wife's email problems, while his fictional one—accompanied by fictional wife Claire Underwood (Robin Wright)—admitted he wanted to leave before Midler started to thank anyone else.

**NO TECHNICAL SNAFUS:** There were none of the technical or human accidents during the telecast—at least any non-Midler-related—that have marred previous awards shows, including the wrong winner announced at this year's Oscars and sound issues at the Grammys. Spacey talked about the show's accountants and said: "You guys do not have to worry about them tonight, at all."

**THE PERIL OF LEADING:** After the Tony nominations in May, the smart money must have been on "Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812," which had snapped up a leading 12 nods and looked strong in every category. But a month later, that show was singing the blues. The musical, lifted from Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace," won just two technical awards on Sunday.

**WHERE'S THE DIVERSITY?:** A year after everyone on Broadway was proud to point to the diversity of the winners, a long list of white men and women walked up to collect their trophies. No person of color won an acting award, though some of the acting categories featured a diverse list of nominees. Some non-white nominees, like set designer Mimi Lien and orchestrator Alex Lacamoire, won trophies, and the cast of "Jitney"—mostly African-American—helped it win the revival Tony. But might we start seeing #TonysSoWhite?

# Early playtime leaves retired neighbor tossing and turning

DEAR ABBY: We have owned our house for 31 years and raised our kids here. They are grown now and have moved out. Several families across the street have come and gone.

The most recent owners have two kids, one in kindergarten and another in first grade. Every morning before school, the mom lets her kids run wild, screaming, yelling, riding their bikes and scooters unsupervised in the street from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. My husband is retired and hears this every morning. He has a back injury and two hip replacements, so he doesn't sleep well and isn't an early riser.

Today he finally went over and asked her not to let them do this every morning. She, of course, became defensive and said she likes to let them play before school and thought 8 a.m. wasn't unreasonable. Not only are the kids loud, but cars often race up the road and it's dangerous. We were always out there watching our kids on this road, especially when they were that age.

Are we a couple of old fogies, or do you agree she is an irresponsible parent?

UPSET IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR UPSET: Playtime at 8 a.m. may not seem unreasonable, but it is to someone who has health and sleep problems. However, your neighbor has a right to let her children out to play before school. I wouldn't call you a couple of old fogies, but I would point out that after people reach a certain age, their needs can change. Try earplugs or double-paned bedroom windows. But if that doesn't help, it may be time to consider moving to a community for people over 55.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married for five years. He's always been a jokester, which is OK, except for the way he does it. He knows what pushes my buttons, so his jokes are geared toward that. At first, I ignore it, but when he persists, I get mad. Then he accuses me of overreacting and calls me unreasonable for getting mad because he's "only joking."

If a husband knows what pushes your buttons and makes you yell at him (which I never did before I met him), isn't that playing with your emotions for his own entertainment? I'm not the only one he does this to. His daughter has been on the receiving end many times. He claims she's being unreasonable, too. I have asked him to stop, but he doesn't. It's affecting our relationship. I almost feel like he's gaslighting me. What say you, Abby?

PUSHING MY BUTTONS

**DEAR PUSHING: I say you are absolutely right. Your husband's behavior is emotionally abusive, not funny. It would be interesting to know how years of that kind of treatment have affected his daughter. The effects of a parent's ridicule can remain with a child into adulthood.**

**Because you haven't been able to get through to him, perhaps you should enlist the assistance of a licensed marriage counselor. If he refuses to go with you, you should go by yourself. And if nothing changes, ask yourself if this is how you are prepared to spend the rest of your life.**

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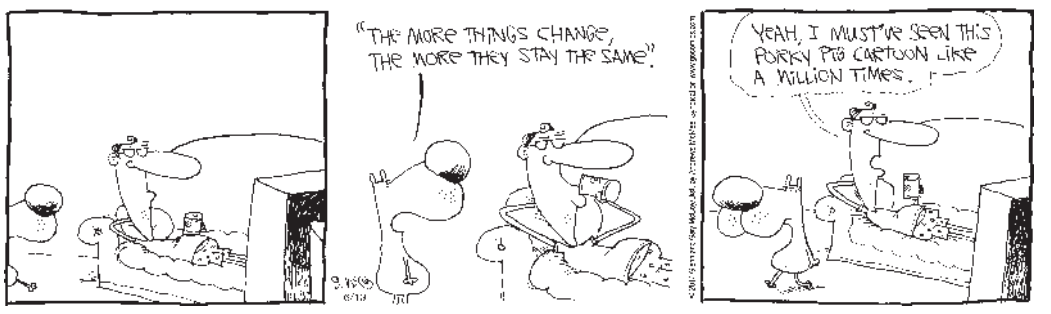

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20 "Scooby-Doo" girl
21 Humorist
22 Photo, for short
23 Fold
26 "No cause for alarm"
30 Debtors' notes
31 Witty one
32 La Scala solo
33 Aviator Amelia
35 Burn with steam
36 Weep
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49 Chance, poetically
50 "Metamorphoses" poet
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**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Make adjustments to stabilize your personal life. The more regard you have for the life goals of those around you, the easier it will be to incorporate a plan that gives you clearance to do your own thing as well. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Don't fret over little annoyances. Keep busy working toward a common goal with someone you have emotional differences with. Overreacting or making an assumption will lead to trouble. You'll be judged if you are critical. ✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Short trips, attending a lecture or setting up an interview are all favored. Make personal changes that will encourage you to do more and complain less. Showing compassion to others will put you in a good position. ✪✪✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Look at what you can afford before you spend on personal items or try to buy someone's love. You are better off investing your cash in ways that will allow you to better plan for retirement. ✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Love and work won't mix. Be careful when dealing with conflicting interests. Avoid making personal or physical changes because someone else wants you to. Act on your own behalf and let past experience guide you. ✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Work hard to make personal improvements. Don't give in to someone trying to push you in a direction you don't want to go. A creative endeavor looks promising if you are realistic about how you move forward. ✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Get involved in events that will give you the chance to discuss your projects, lifestyle and goals. Your ability to appeal to people of all ages will help you gain approval that can lead to exciting new opportunities. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Emotional issues will surface if you try to make changes that someone doesn't like. Spend more time putting your creative ideas into perspective and, once they are doable, into play. Include your loved ones to avoid opposition. ✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Bring the old and the new together. Use past experience to set trends and objectives and you will excel. Build a strong relationship with someone who shares your excitement about the transformations and endeavors you want to pursue. ✪✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* The changes in the industry you are part of will leave you feeling uncertain. Your best recourse is to indulge in personal growth by adding new skills, diplomas, licenses or any other talent that can secure your position or future. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Make changes at home or to the way you live that will cut corners or help you build your personal assets. Spending time with people who bring out the best in you will inspire you to try new things. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You may want to make emotional or physical alterations, but before you begin, take the time to find out more about the process or potential outcome. You will avoid problems by being fastidious about the details. ✪✪✪

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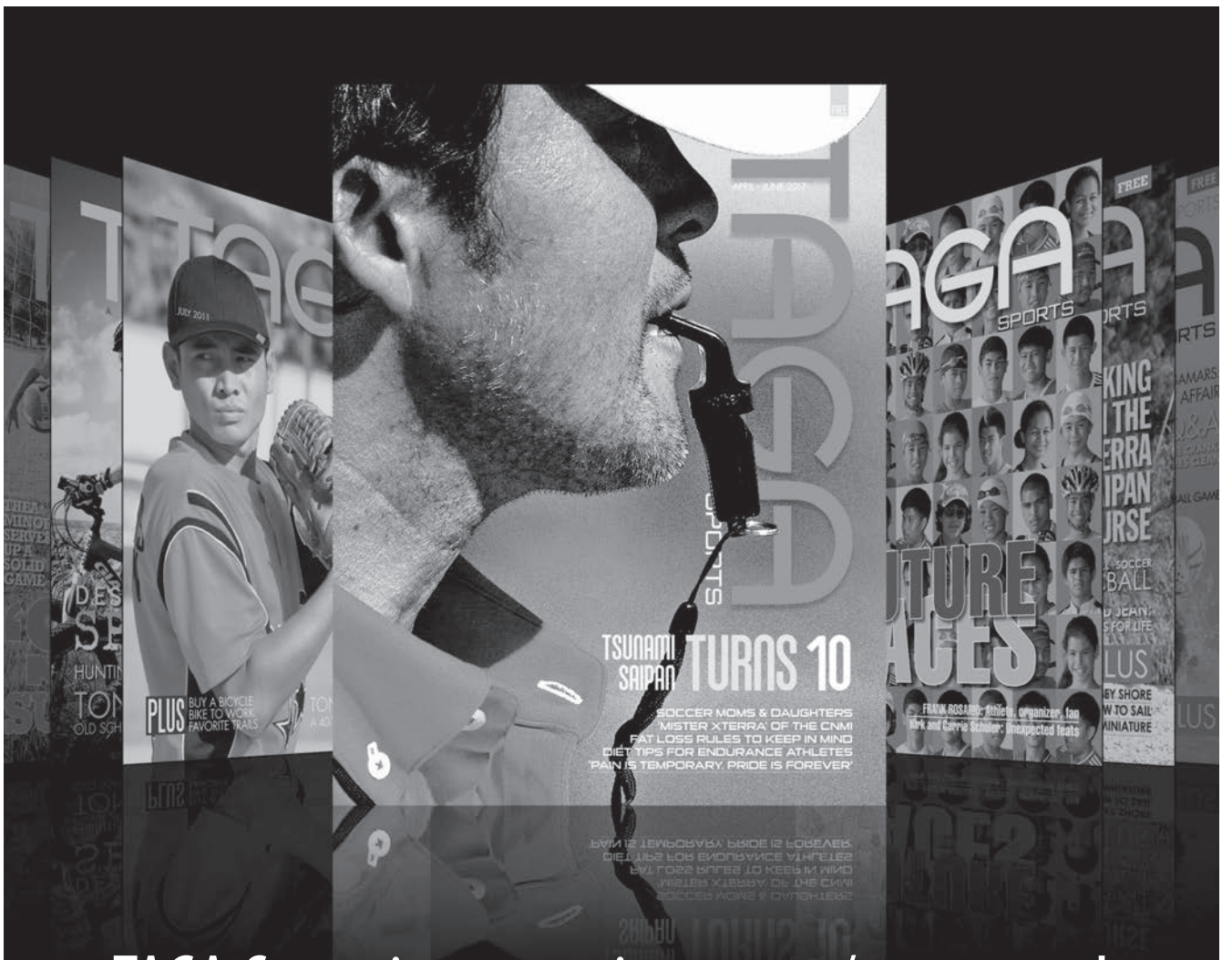
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# Nadal routs Wawrinka for record 10th French Open



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Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates winning his tenth French Open title against Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka in three sets, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1, during their men's final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, June 11, 2017.

**PARIS** (AP)—As he sat in front of a TV to watch last year's French Open final, sidelined by an injured left wrist, Rafael Nadal had no way to know for sure, of course, that he would return to the height of his powers.

For the second time in a row, the most important match at the most important clay-court tournament was being contested without him. As the 2017 edition at Roland Garros began, Nadal's drought without a Grand Slam title was stretching to three full years.

"It was difficult," said Nadal's uncle and coach, Toni. "We were asking ourselves whether he would be able achieve this one more time."

Turned out he could, and he did, as masterful as at any time. Overwhelmingly good from start to finish in Sunday's final, and for the entire two weeks, Nadal won his record 10th French Open title with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 victory over 2015 champion Stan Wawrinka.

"A perfect Roland Garros for me," Nadal said.

Call it a Perfect 10.

Or as the Nadals preferred: La Decima, Spanish for "The Tenth."

"I play my best at all events, but the feeling here is impossible to describe. It's impossible to compare it to another place," Nadal said. "The nerves, the adrenaline, I feel on the court are impossible to compare to another feeling. This is the most important event in my career."

Not only did Nadal win every set he played in the tournament, he dropped a total of only 35 games, the second fewest by any man on the way to any title at a major tournament with all matches being best-of-five-sets in the Open era, which dates to 1968.

"On paper, when you look at the scores, it all seems fairly easy," Nadal said. "But it's not."

No other man or woman has won 10 championships at the same major in the Open era. Along with improving to 10-0 in finals at Roland Garros, Nadal increased his haul to 15 Grand Slam trophies, breaking a tie with Pete Sampras for second place in the history of men's tennis, behind only rival Roger Federer's 18.

It marked a stirring return to the top for Nadal at the site he loves the most: He is 79-2 at the French Open, 102-2 in all best-of-five-set matches on clay.

"He's playing the best he's ever played. That's for sure," said Wawrinka, who had won 11 matches in a row on clay. "But not only here."

True. Nadal leads the tour with four titles and 43 match wins this season and will rise to No. 2 in the ATP rankings Monday.

Last year in Paris, Nadal withdrew before the third round, making the announcement while wearing a blue brace on his left wrist and resignation of his face. He couldn't bring himself to watch much of the rest of the 2016 French Open, he said, other than some doubles matches involving a good pal, and the singles final.

Finally back to full strength in the offseason, Nadal returned to work, reconstructing his forehand and redoubling his efforts to be elite.

"Back in November, when we were together, I told him he needed to get his forehand back, to improve a bit his serve, to put on a champion's face again," said Uncle Toni, gripping his chin for emphasis, "and to become the No. 1 on clay again. And here, we had the confirmation."

Nadal is no longer the 19-year-old who won the French Open in his debut in 2005, wearing long white pirate shorts, his flowing locks wrapped by a white headband, his sleeveless shirt revealing bulging biceps. Now he is 31, the shorts are shorter, the hair more closely cropped, the shirt has sleeves. His game? Better.

Nadal won again at Roland Garros in 2006, 2007 and 2008. After a fourth-round loss on bad knees in 2009, he grabbed five consecutive French Opens 2010-14. A quarterfinal loss in 2015 ended that run, and then came last year's injury.

"Last year," Nadal said, "was not an easy one."

On Sunday, the conditions were exactly to the liking of a guy who grew up on the island of Mallorca and still enjoys fishing in his down time. The sun was shining, there was barely a trace of cloud in the bright blue sky and the temperature was about 85 degrees (30 Celsius).

Wawrinka insisted a five-set semifinal win Friday over No. 1-ranked Andy Murray did not take anything out of him physically. The problem against Nadal, Wawrinka said, was more mental.

"He puts this doubt in your head when you play against him," said Wawrinka, who had been 3-0 in Grand Slam finals, including a victory over Nadal at the 2014 Australian Open.

After netting a forehand in the second set, Wawrinka pounded his racket on his head several times. Later, he spiked that piece of equipment, then mangled it, breaking it over his knee.

Nadal has that way of wearing down opponents. On this day, he was terrific. He won all 12 service games, made a mere 12 unforced errors and won 94 total points to Wawrinka's 57.

One area of significant improvement for Nadal is his serve. Once passable, it is now potent. Confronted with the match's first break point, 10 minutes in, he solved the predicament this way: service winner at 107 mph (173 kph), ace at 117 mph (189 kph), service winner at 120 mph (194 kph). That would be Wawrinka's lone break chance.

When the ball was in play, Nadal barely missed at all. His groundstrokes were delivered with loud, long grunts, echoing in the otherwise mostly silent Court Philippe Chatrier, filled with 15,000 or so souls too rapt to speak. They did let out a burst of claps and roars in the second set on one particularly exquisite display: Nadal sprinted to his left to chase Wawrinka's cross-court backhand wide of the doubles alley and whipped a forehand that curved around the net post and landed near a line for a winner.

Even Wawrinka applauded that one.

"Nothing to say about today," Wawrinka told Nadal during the trophy ceremony. "You were too good."

## LeBron says he'd want Magic, Jordan as his 3-on-3 teammates

**By DOUG FEINBERG**
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

LeBron James knows who his dream teammates would be in a 3-on-3 competition at the 2020 Olympics—Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson.

Jordan and Johnson's names came to James without any hesitation when asked by The Associated Press which past greats he would like to play with. The Cavaliers star was a bit more reserved when he came to picking present day players.

"I don't know, I have to think about it," James said.

Not that James - or Magic or Michael - is participating.

James didn't think he would consider playing in the new Olympic event in the Tokyo Games, but is happy it was added.

"It's great for basketball," he said. "For us to be able to add another category to the Olympics, another basketball category, I think it's pretty great. I haven't seen the full layout of how they plan on executing it ... are they going to use NBA guys, are they going to use college guys. I'm not quite sure.

"I'm not very good in a 3-on-3 thing. I'm more of a 5-on-5 guy. I stay out of the 1-on-1 matchups during our practice, the 2-on-2 and the 3-on-3s. So probably not. I probably won't be a part of the 3-on-3 matchup."

The new Olympic event was added Friday by the International Olympic Committee. There will be eight men's teams and eight women's teams competing. As far as what teams are selected and how teams qualify, that's still unclear.

"They don't want just the basketball powers to compete in 3-on-3," said USA Basketball CEO Jim Tooley. "FIBA will get together and figure out how teams will qualify. They will definitely want to reward countries that have been doing a lot of 3-on-3 activities."

The U.S. has been pushing 3-on-3 over the past few years and held a national tournament last month. The winners will head to the World Cup in France later this month.

"The last few years, we have made a major push in 3-on-3 basketball with our nationwide Dew NBA 3X tour and several international 3-on-3 competitions. The Olympic stage will provide these elite athletes with the opportunity to further demonstrate their talents," NBA Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum said.

It's also unclear if the NBA will even allow its players to compete, which is just fine with Draymond Green.

"I grew up playing street ball so to have 3-on-3 a part of the Olympics I think it's also something guys can win that are not pro athletes," The Golden State Warriors forward said. "So I think that could be really good. You see in these other sports where they go compete in the Olympics but they have regular day jobs. I think that can be like that for 3-on-3. So I think that can be great."

While the new event may not have NBA guys competing, count Breanna Stewart as one WNBA player who would love the chance to play in both basketball events if possible.

"Sure, I'd love to do it," said Stewart, who won her first Olympic gold medal at the Rio Games. "Whenever I can put on a USA Basketball jersey ... I'd be happy to."

The U.S. has never won a men's gold medal while playing in the 3-on-3 World Cup, which began in 2012. Serbia has won the title twice and Qatar was the champion in 2014. The Americans won the silver in 2016 after finishing 14th in 2014.

The women won gold medals in 2012 and 2014 before settling for the bronze in 2016.

"Definitely I would play in it again if offered the opportunity," said Bria Hartley, who was part of the first title team in 2012, pairing with fellow WNBA players Chiney Ogwumike, Skylar Diggins and Ann Strother. "It was so much fun and it's so fast-paced."

The rules are made for up-tempo competition .

With one 10-minute period, the 3-on-3 is a lot quicker than its 5-on-5 counterpart. A game can end even sooner if a team scores 21 points in less than 10 minutes. If the game is tied after 10 minutes, it goes into overtime with the first team scoring two points in OT wins. Those rules make a big difference in limiting the Americans' depth, which they have used to overwhelm

# Judge hits 2 more homers as Yankees beat Orioles, 14-3

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Rookie sensation Aaron Judge hit two more home runs, including a drive that cleared the distant bleachers at Yankee Stadium, and sent New York romping past Baltimore 14-3 Sunday for its fifth straight win.

Even by his lofty feats, it was quite a power show by the 6-foot-7 Judge. He leads the majors with 21 homers and tops the AL with 47 RBIs and a .344 batting average.

In the sixth, Judge launched a mammoth shot to left-center field that was estimated at 495 feet, the longest homer in the majors this season, according to Statcast. The ball bounced off the bare hands of a fan standing behind a fence beyond the back row of the bleachers.

Judge lined a drive into the right-center seats in his next at-bat, and also doubled earlier.

Adam Warren (2-1) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win.

Baltimore right-hander Kevin Gausman (3-5) was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings.



AP

New York Yankees' Aaron Judge runs the bases after hitting a home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Saturday, June 10, 2017, in New York.

### Cubs 7, Rockies 5

In Chicago, Addison Russell had a go-ahead home run for his first big contribution since an absence in the wake of a Major League Baseball investigation into domestic abuse allegations, and the Cubs stopped the Rockies' seven-game winning streak.

Russell and Kyle Schwarber connected for back-to-back homers off Jordan Lyles (0-2) in the sixth inning. Miguel Montero and Ben Zobrist also went deep, helping the World Series champion Cubs even their record at 31-31.

Russell played for the second time since missing the first two games of the series. The MLB investigation began after claims of abuse against his wife were levied in a since-deleted social media post.

Carl Edwards Jr. (2-0) won in relief of starter Jake Arrieta. Wade Davis gave up a run in the ninth before getting his 13th save in 13 chances.

### Dodgers 9, Reds 7

In Los Angeles, Corey Seager capped Los Angeles' six-run eighth inning with his first career grand slam, helping the Dodgers finish off the sweep.

Rookie Cody Bellinger sparked Los Angeles' rally with one-out drive against Austin Brice. Rasiel Iglesias (2-1) replaced Brice with a runner on first and walked three straight batters to force in a run, trimming Cincinnati's lead to 7-5. Seager then hit a drive to center for his ninth homer.

Bellinger also homered in the second and Chase Utley connected in the fifth for the Dodgers, who have won four straight. Luis Avilan (1-1) got the win, and Kenley Jansen got three outs for his 200th career save.

Adam Duvall, Scott Schebler, Joey Votto and Devin Mesoraco homered for Cincinnati, which lost 5-4 on Saturday night on Seager's game-ending RBI double.

### Rangers 5, Nationals 1

In Washington, Max Scherzer struck out 10 to move past 2,000 for his career, but was outpitched by Austin Bibens-Dirkx as the Rangers completed the sweep of the weekend series.

Scherzer (7-4) has 2,005 career strikeouts after fanning at least 10 batters seven times this season. He allowed three runs — two earned — and three hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Bibens-Dirkx (2-0) allowed a run and three hits in seven innings in his second career start.

Shin-Soo Choo slugged his ninth homer as Texas completed its first road sweep of the season.

### Cardinals 6, Phillies 5

In St. Louis, Dexter Fowler hit a three-run homer for St. Louis, and Adam Wainwright tossed five solid innings.

The Cardinals have won three in a row following a season-high seven-game losing streak.

Daniel Nava homered for the Phillies, who have dropped five in a row.

Philadelphia led 2-0 before Fowler connected against Aaron Nola (3-4) in the fifth inning. It was his ninth homer in his first season with St. Louis.

Wainwright (7-4) gave up two runs and six hits, bouncing back nicely from a rough start at Cincinnati on Tuesday. Seung Hwan Oh pitched a rocky ninth inning for his 15th save.

### Angels 12, Astros 6

In Houston, Albert Pujols homered in the first inning and Eric Young Jr. had a career-high four RBIs, helping the Angels rally for the win.

Young capped Los Angeles' six-run fifth inning with a tiebreaking three-run shot off Michael Feliz (2-1). He also had an RBI single in the seventh.

Rookie Keynan Middleton (1-0) pitched a scoreless fifth for his first career win.

George Springer and Yuli Gurriel homered for Houston, and Josh Reddick had three hits.

### Mets 2, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Seth Lugo pitched seven crisp innings in his season debut, leading the Mets to the road win.

Lugo (1-0) came back from right elbow inflammation that had sidelined him all season, helping Mets starters post a 0.83 ERA over the last five games. He gave up one run and six hits.

Lugo also doubled off Jaime Garcia (2-5) and scored in the third for a 2-1 lead.

The Mets have won four of five heading into a 14-game stretch against four teams that made the postseason last year.

Addison Reed got his 11th save in 13 chances.

Dansby Swanson had a sacrifice fly for Atlanta. The Braves have lost 16 of their last 21 home games against the Mets.

### Blue Jays 4, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer for Toronto, and J.A. Happ struck out eight in six innings.

Donaldson and the Blue Jays knocked out James Paxton (5-1) after just four innings, handing him his first loss of the season and sending the thousands of Toronto fans from western Canada back north of the border after their team won two of three this weekend.

Donaldson finished with three hits, including an RBI single in the fourth for a 3-0 lead. Happ (1-4) allowed six hits in his first win since Sept. 20.

### Giants 13, Twins 8

In San Francisco, Buster Posey had three hits and four RBIs, Hunter Pence added three doubles and scored three times, and the Giants avoided a three-game sweep.

Eduardo Nunez also had three hits and scored three times while rookie Austin Slater had three hits and a career-high four RBIs to help the Giants win for the fourth time in 12 games.

Josh Osich (1-1) retired three batters for the win.

Eduardo Escobar and Byron Buxton homered for Minnesota. Matt Belisle (0-1) got two outs and was charged with four runs and four hits.

### Indians 4, White Sox 2

In Cleveland, Carlos Carrasco took a shutout into the sixth and three relievers combined for 3 2/3 scoreless innings, leading Cleveland to the victory.

Carrasco (6-3) was pulled after Todd Frazier's two-run double cut Cleveland's lead to one. The right-hander allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one in 5 1/3 innings.

Andrew Miller retired all five batters he faced, striking out three. Bryan Shaw pitched a scoreless eighth and Cody Allen finished for his 15th save, working around a one-out single.

The White Sox have dropped nine of 11. Jose Quintana (2-8) allowed three runs in five innings, dropping to 0-4 in his last seven starts.

### Pirates 3, Marlins 1

In Pittsburgh, Ivan Nova pitched six shutout innings, Elias Diaz drove in two runs and the Pirates beat Jeff Locke and the Marlins.

Nova (6-4) allowed one hit, struck out four and walked none.

Locke (0-2) was charged with three runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings in his first start in Pittsburgh since he signed with Miami in free agency. The left-hander spent the first six years of his career with the Pirates.

Ichiro Suzuki hit his second homer for Miami in the eighth. The 43-year-old Suzuki last hit more than one homer in a season in 2013.

Felipe Rivero got his second four-out save in as many days.

### Diamondbacks 11, Brewers 1

In Phoenix, Robbie Ray struck out 12 in 6 2/3 shutout innings, Paul Goldschmidt hit a grand slam and the Diamondbacks pulled away for the win.

Ray (7-3) gave up three hits in what started as a pitchers' duel with former Diamondback Chase Anderson (5-2). Anderson allowed one run and four hits in six innings, and his scoreless streak stopped at 22 when Jake Lamb drove in David Peralta with a groundout in the bottom of the first.

Goldschmidt's slam came in a five-run eighth. He connected off Rob Scahill for his 14th homer of the season.

Keon Broxton homered in the ninth for Milwaukee.

### Rays 5, Athletics 4

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Mallex Smith had three hits and used his speed to set up the go-ahead run, helping the Rays take three of four from the Athletics.

Smith led off the seventh with a bunt single and went to third after reliever Daniel Coulombe (0-1) was charged with an error for an errant throw to first that ended up in the right-field corner. Tampa Bay went ahead 5-4 when Corey Dickerson hit a sacrifice fly on the next pitch.

Smith, recalled from Triple-A Durham on Friday to fill in for injured Gold Glove center fielder Kevin Kiermaier, also walked and went 8 for 14 in the series.

Chase Whitley (2-1) got the win and Alex Colome worked a shaky ninth for his 18th save.

Stephen Vogt had three RBIs for Oakland, which has lost eight consecutive road series.

### Royals 8, Padres 3

In San Diego, Mike Moustakas homered twice for Kansas City, and Jake Junis pitched seven-plus solid innings.

Alex Gordon and Eric Hosmer also connected for the Royals, who hit five on Saturday against the Padres.

Moustakas hit a three-run home run in the first against rookie Dinelson Lamet (2-2) that gave the Royals an early 4-0 advantage, and a solo homer in the eighth.

Junis (2-0) allowed three runs, all on solo homers, and six hits.

### Tigers 8, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Justin Upton hit a grand slam off the right-field foul pole and Nicholas Castellanos hit a two-run homer as the Detroit Tigers averted a sweep with victory over the Red Sox.

The Tigers halted a three-game losing streak in a contest that lasted 4 hours, 6 minutes. Boston had won 13 of 19 and seven of eight in Fenway Park.

Daniel Norris (3-4) held Boston to two runs over five innings, giving up seven hits with three walks and six strikeouts.

Drew Pomeranz (6-4) was tagged for six runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings, snapping his career-best three-game winning streak.

Hanley Ramirez had an RBI single and Dustin Pedroia a run-scoring double for Boston.

The first six innings took just over three hours, sending a large portion of fans streaming for the exits after the final out of the sixth.

# Cavs coach Tyronn Lue pleased by feisty turn to Finals

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—Seven technical fouls, one flagrant foul, stars LeBron James and Kevin Durant jawing at each other and several other dustups.

For Cleveland coach Tyronn Lue, the physical turn the NBA Finals took in Game 4 is just what he wanted and is the recipe he hopes the Cavaliers will follow for the rest of the series against the Golden State Warriors.

"Me personally, I liked it," Lue said Sunday. "I thought the first two games we were being too nice. The first three games, helping guys up off the floor, smiling, talking to guys and—yeah, I didn't like that. So I think Game 4, talking trash, being physical, whatever you got to do to try to get that edge to win, you got to do it."

The Cavs look to carry that same mindset into Game 5, when they once again try to stave off elimination.

After two straight Golden State blowouts to open the series and a thrilling comeback in Game 3, things turned feisty in Game 4 as the teams that are meeting in a third straight Finals showed some animosity.



AP
Cleveland Cavaliers head coach Tyronn Lue gestures during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 4, 2017.

James said the Cavs were upset about comments from Golden State's Draymond Green about wanting to celebrate a title on Cleveland's floor for the second time in three seasons.

The game started off with an edge and things really took off in the third quarter. It started when Durant took exception to a blow to the head from Kevin Love that led to a flagrant foul and a face-to-face confrontation with James.

It escalated late in the third after a scramble to the floor for a loose ball led to a jump ball. Cleveland's Iman Shumpert stood over Pachulia and tried to grab the ball after the whistle. Pachulia then delivered two swipes to Shumpert's groin area, leading to technical fouls on both players.

"It was totally between the lines and with the respect of the rules," Pachulia said of the physical play. "Nothing has crossed the line. It's emotional. It's possibly the last game of the season, so you definitely don't want to give up anything easy. We know it's not going to be an easy game for us. We're going to earn it."

The more physical play appeared to be just the thing to get Cavs power forward Tristan Thompson unleashed. A key player the past two years because of his relentless rebounding and hard-nosed play, Thompson had been mostly invisible the first three games with just 11 rebounds.

# SSC receives donation from Oriental Corp.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Swim Club swimmers show the check donation they received from a representative from Oriental Corp., front row left, during a turnover ceremony recently. SSC members will head to Hawaii later this month to compete in the 69th Keo Nakama Swim Meet.

Saipan Swim Club received a donation from Oriental Corp. for the group's trip to Hawaii next month.

The company donated $200 for the club's participation in the 69th Keo Nakama Swim Meet in Mililani, Oahu. The tournament will run from June 30 to July 2 with Jinie and Jiju Thompson, Taiyo and Kento Akimaru, Jinnosuke and Lennosuke Suzuki, Christian Villacrusis, and David Boyer representing SSC to the long-course meet that will also feature teams Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, and club teams worldwide.

The eight SSC swimmers would like to thank Oriental Corp. for their support. SSC also acknowledged Doug Brennan and Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota for making the club's participation in the Hawaii tournament possible. ***(PR)***

## SAIPAN

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up the match when Nakamura picked up a shot from Mark Reyes and tagged out Cabrera at second base.

The Saipan Junior League All-Stars got the Game 1 win an inning earlier, setting up the victory via 10-run mercy rule after gaining cushion in the first three innings. Saipan had two runs each in the first and second inning and five in the third before adding one in the sixth. Kyle Kapileo scored three runs, Justin Agulto chipped in two, and Nakamura, Joven Reyes, A.J. Sanchez, and Leveque Iguel contributed one apiece.

In Game 2, the Saipan Junior All-Stars finished strong after going scoreless in the first two innings. Vicente Camacho had three runs and an RBI off his 3-for-4 performance at the plate, while J.P. Celis was only 1-for-5, but had two RBIs in their shutout win. Ton Agulto, Nakamura, Justin Agulto, Sean Rabauliman, Trevon Lieto, and Reyes added one run each.

Reyes gave Saipan its first run at the top of the third, while his team also scored in the next three frames, making three, four, and two runs for the double-digit advantage, 10-0.

The scores remained the same, as Celis closed out for Saipan and struck out Rota's first three batters at the bottom of the seventh and last inning.

In the Senior League division, Saipan was merciless, getting the two-game sweep after only eight innings.

In last Friday's Game 1, the Saipan Senior League All-Stars took five innings to whip Rota, 29-0. Saipan scored in each of the five innings, making most of the damage in the second and fourth where the host had 19 runs.

Spencer Dickinson and Jester Kintaro pitched for Saipan in Game 1 and threw a no-hitter while combining for 10 strikeouts. With Kintaro and Dickinson's solid pitching and the rest of their teammates also holding their ground on defense, Rota did not make it past first base.

In Game 2, Saipan took an even shorter route to victory, finishing off Rota after only three innings, 27-1.

## TUDELA

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Group B match, 6-3, 6-2. Ren is the No. 2 seed in the division and was slated to duel Luckymis' compatriot Andy Sipos yesterday afternoon. Guam's James Hourican and Marshall Zhang of Guam, and the CNMI's Ken Song completed Group B.

Song won his first game, too after dominating Zhang, 6-0, 6-1, on Court 1 of the Rick Ninete Center, while the former was to meet Luckymis in the last game on Court 2.

Grace Choi also played on Court 2 and needed only two sets to top FSM's Tatiana Panuelo in their girls 16-and-under singles game, 6-1, 6-1.

Choi is seeded second in the division, which has only six players, including No. 1 seed Malika Miyawaki, also of the CNMI. Miyawaki duplicated Choi's easy win after downing Guam's Joycelyn Tenai, 6-1, 6-0. Miyawaki will try to go for win No. 2 today when she takes on Guam's Elizabeth Su, while Choi's Day 2 foe is Tenai.

Only the outcome of the majority of the matches at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre were posted on the event's website at press time, thus the incomplete results. Other games in the 16-and-under singles and the boys and girls 14 and under are being held at the Tamuning court. The 12-and-under age group is played in a team format and matches are also taking place in the two venues.

The CNMI's 12-and-under roster is made up of Anika Camacho, Andrew Chung, Hyejin Elliot, J.C. Ferrer, Anthony Gregoire, Daniel Kang, Helen Kim, and Jiwoong Kwon. The Commonwealth has two teams each in the boys and girls U12 age groups.

In the boys 14 and under division, Sean Lee and Richard Steele are in Group A, while Sam Ryu and Andy Kim are bracketed in Group B. In the girls field, the CNMI has only one entry in No. 1 seed Maria Gregoire and she will be up against FSM's Anne Skilling, Paris Panuelo, and Ridianne Wolphagen and Guam's Paige Mantanona and Kaia Malikooti.

## OL'ACES

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their shots anew on the other end, while Abejo canned a point-blank shot to take the fight out of their foe, as the Ol'Aces Elite increased its advantage to 12, 46-34, down to the last 43 seconds of the finale.

Abejo and Saralu both finished in double figures with the latter posting a game-high 18 points and the latter adding 12, Contreras paced the Sonics with his 10 points.

The finals victory over the Sonics was the Ol'Aces Elite's eighth in the division. They swept the six games in the round-robin regular season and then defeated the Natibu Warriors in the semis.

Meanwhile, in the battle for third place, the NMI Rollers eased past the Natibu Warriors, 63-47.

The NMI Rollers spread the wealth for its 16-point winning margin. Sunjoon Tenorio led the squad's balance scoring with his 14 points, Matthew Ong contributed 10, while Roger Valencia added 10. J.P. Cruz and Chioni Dela Cruz chipped in 9 apiece, while Erwin Villarin logged 7.

### Finals

**Ol'Aces Elite 46** – Saralu 18, Abejo 12, Ichihara 6, Atan 4, Laxa 4, Ogasawara 2.

**670 Sonics/PHI 36** – Contreras 10, Bayot 6, Favor 6, Bravo 4, Francisco 4, Itaas 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 22-20, 46-36.

### Consolation:

**NMI Rollers 63** – Tenorio 14, Ong 12, Valencia 10, Cruz 9, Dela Cruz 9, Villarin 7, Factor 4, Eugenio 3, Gonzales 1.

**Natibu Warriors 47** – Kumuch 15, Malonzo 11, Atalig 10, Daikichy 4, Lizama 3. M. Norita 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 36-29, 63-47.

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| Minnesota | 32 | 27 | .542 | — |
| Cleveland | 31 | 29 | .517 | 1½ |
| Detroit | 30 | 32 | .484 | 3½ |
| Kansas City | 28 | 34 | .452 | 5½ |
| Chicago | 26 | 35 | .426 | 7 |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 44 | 20 | .688 | — |
| Los Angeles | 33 | 33 | .500 | 12 |
| Seattle | 31 | 33 | .484 | 13 |
| Texas | 30 | 32 | .484 | 13 |
| Oakland | 27 | 36 | .429 | 16½ |

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**East Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 38 | 24 | .613 | — |
| New York | 28 | 33 | .459 | 9½ |
| Miami | 27 | 35 | .435 | 11 |
| Atlanta | 27 | 35 | .435 | 11 |
| Philadelphia | 21 | 40 | .344 | 16½ |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milwaukee | 33 | 31 | .516 | — |
| Chicago | 31 | 31 | .500 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 29 | 32 | .475 | 2½ |
| Cincinnati | 29 | 33 | .468 | 3 |
| Pittsburgh | 28 | 35 | .444 | 4½ |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 41 | 24 | .631 | — |
| Los Angeles | 39 | 25 | .609 | 1½ |
| Arizona | 39 | 26 | .600 | 2 |
| San Francisco | 26 | 39 | .400 | 15 |

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# 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League

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IT&E's Ya Han, right, is fouled by the Ol'Aces' Chevy Kate Alipio during the fourth quarter of their title match in the girls U18 division of the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. IT&E won, 64-48.



The Ol'Aces Sylvina Simram, left, drives baseline against the defense of IT&E's Ya Han.



The Ol'Aces Sylvina Simram, left, drives baseline against the defense of IT&E's Ya Han.



The Ol'Aces' Chevy Kate Alipio, center, attacks the defense of IT&E's Karleen Reyes, left, and Gillian Villagomez.



The Ol'Aces' Halle Kenty, left, and IT&E's Gillian Villagomez.



IT&E's Tawnie Manibusan, left, receives a pass from teammate Gillian Villagomez, third left.



IT&E's Karleen Reyes, center, goes up for a shot against the Ol'Aces' Chenille Espinosa, right.



IT&E's Jan Travilla, right, uses the screen set by Gillian Villagomez, left, to get free from the defense of the Ol'Aces' Chenille Espinosa.



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# Ol'Aces Elite takes boys U15 title



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The Ol'Aces Elite had a perfect run in the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League, capping its immaculate record with a 46-36 victory against the 670 Sonics/PHI in their boys U15 division title match last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces Elite took the championship as it broke away past the last 10-minute mark of the second half and withstood the Sonics' late rally.

Ahead by only 6, 30-24, the Ol'Aces went on a 12-2 scoring surge to establish their biggest lead in the game, 42-26, with a little over three minutes left in the match. Ricco Saralu and E.J. Abejo teamed up in the onslaught, drilling 6 points apiece, while the Sonics got their 2 markers off Khristian Itaas' pair of charities.

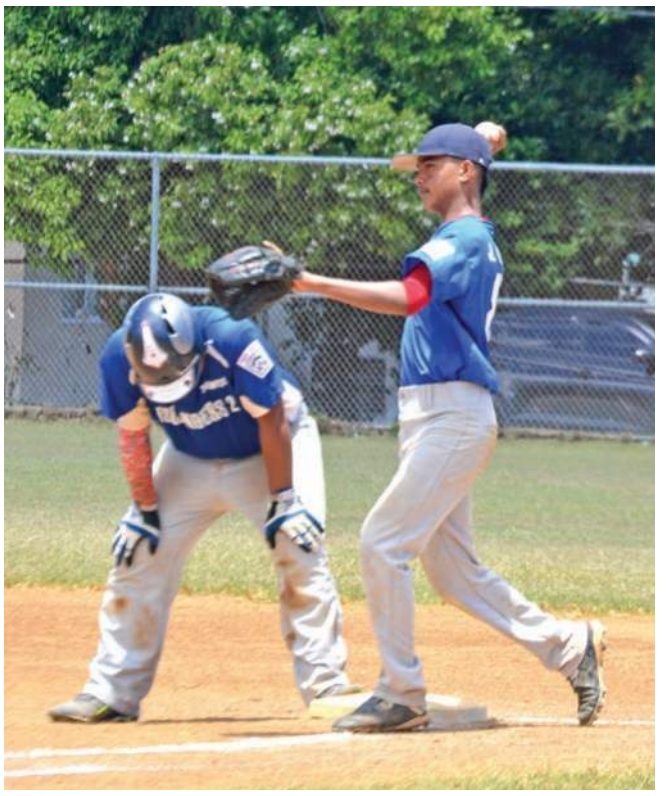
The Sonics then made their own rally, cutting the deficit to as low as 8, 34-42, with Adonis Favor, Christian Bravo, Clarence Contreras, and Raven Francisco knocking in a basket each. Bravo nailed the last bucket at the 1:45 mark and had a chance to move the Sonics closer when he attempted another shot following an Ol'Aces Elite muffed offensive play. However, Bravo missed his target, while the Ol'Aces Elite got the rebound and went on a 2-on-1 fastbreak play. Abejo was on the finishing end, but his banked shot against Favor rattled off the rim. Fortunately for the Ol'Aces Elite, Saralu was there for the trailer job and the put-back to bring their lead back to twin digits, 44-34.

The Sonics then faltered on

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Ol'Aces Elite's Ricco Saralu pulls up for a shot against the 670 Sonics/PHI's Christian Bravo during the second half of their boys U15 title game in the Diaz youth caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Saipan Junior, Senior All-Stars show dominance



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Saipan Junior League All-Star first baseman Joel Norita throws to pitcher Vicente Camacho after a Rota batter hits a foul ball, while a Rota runner stays at first during the bottom of the sixth inning of their game in the 2017 CNMI District Tournament last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Saipan Senior and Junior All-Stars proved to be too much for their Rota counterparts as shown in the lopsided games in the 2017 CNMI District Tournament held over the weekend.

In the Junior League division, Saipan coasted to a 10-0 victory in Game 1 last Friday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield and picked up where it left off in Game 2 last Saturday after posting a 10-1 triumph. With the sweep, the Saipan Junior League All-Stars will be representing the CNMI to the 2017 Asia Pacific Regional Championships, which will take place here later this month.

In their ASPAC slot-clinching win in Game 2, the Saipan Junior League All-Stars used three pitchers—Bing Nakamura, Joel Norita, and Vicente Camacho—to nearly earn another shutout win over the hapless Rota crew. Nakamura started out for Saipan and threw a no-hitter in the 2.1 innings he worked the mound, while striking out three runners and stranding four. Norita took over from Nakamura and kept the Rota silent, forcing their foe to a 1-2-3 in the fourth inning, while stranding a runner earlier in the third. Camacho then closed out for the winning team and though Rota made its lone hit against him—a single from Nicolas Cabrera—the Saipan pitcher got the second out in the ensuing play after fanning out Ometry Welcbacher and soon the winning squad wrapped

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## Tudela leads opening day winners

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Vince Tudela was among the opening day winners for the CNMI Junior National Team that is competing in the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam.

Tudela played in the first game on Court 2 of the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Hagatna and crushed Guam's Mark Fontanilla in the boys 16-and-under singles, 6-0, 6-0. Tudela is seeded fourth in Group A and will be battling No. 1 seed Camden Camacho and Kian Malikooti and the Federated States of Micronesia's Joab William and Sterkis Abraham for the Top 4 spots in the pool. The CNMI bet was scheduled to play Abraham in his second game in Day 1, but results of their afternoon match on Court 3 were unavailable at the tournament's website at press time.

Also entered in the boys 16-and-under singles is Michael Ren, who swept FSM's Sarkau Weston Luckymis in their

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CNMI Junior National Team coach Jeff Race, second row left, poses with his players before their games in the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam yesterday.